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FOOTBALL LEGENDS HONoured

SOUNESS: THIS IS FOR ISLA

SCOTLAND legend Graeme Souness has dedicated his CBE to the girl who inspired his charity fundraising.
The 71-year-old swam the Channel to raise cash in the name of EB sufferer Isla Grist.
His former team-mate Ally McCoist receives an OBE.
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HAMPDEN HEROES
Fundraiser Souness with Isla and, right, Ally McCoist

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Glasgow & West

Mainly overcast and cloudy with thundery showers. Max 16C (61F). Winds SE at 5-7mph. UV index: 5.

Edinburgh, Fife & Borders

Heavy scattered showers with largely cloudy skies. Max 15C (59F). Winds E at 3-5mph. UV index: 5.

Dundee & Aberdeen

Spells of sunshine and scattered heavy showers. Max 16C (61F). Winds N at 2-4mph. UV index: 5.

Forth Valley

Rather dull and cloudy with scattered light showers. Max 16C (61F). Winds E at 3-5mph. UV index: 5.

AIR QUALITY

Highlands: 3 Central: 3
North East: 3 Borders: 3
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Inverness & Moray

Sunshine and showers. Max 15C (59F). Winds NE at 6-8mph. UV index: 5.

Highlands & Islands

Generally dry but the odd heavy shower possible too. Max 16C (61F). Winds NE at 10-12mph. UV index: 5.

SUN, MOON & TIDES

Moon sets: 1.51am

Moon rises: 2.36pm

Sun sets: 10.04pm

Sun rises: 4.30am

Lighting-up time: 10.04pm

High water:

Greenock 7.00am, 8.21pm

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The photograph was used by mistake and does not, in any way, reflect the views of the Daily Record. We would like to apologise for the offence it has caused and wish every team and its fans a fantastic and friendly festival of football over the weeks ahead.

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SWINNEY HAS TORY CHIEF IN SIGHTS

ROSS SEAT IS A TOP TARGET FOR THE SNP

Nats make toppling '3 jobs' a priority

JOHN Swinney has made unseating embattled Scots Tory leader Douglas Ross a top priority for the SNP election campaign.

EXCLUSIVE
BY PAUL HUTCHEON

ON THE RACK
Douglas Ross

The SNP has upgraded Aberdeenshire North and Moray East to a "tier 1" target after Ross said he would quit his party role in the middle of the campaign.

That means the SNP will pour money and activists into the constituency in a bid to snatch it from Ross.

The First Minister will also kickstart his national tour in the seat tomorrow.

Ross's election campaign imploded last week when he made a U-turn by revealing plans to stand for Westminster again.

The decision was controversial as it came after party bosses blocked an ill candidate from standing.

A revolt by colleagues and questions over his Westminster expenses led to him announcing he would quit after July 4.

Scottish Tory turmoil has led to the SNP rethinking its strategy for capturing the constituency.

A party source said Aberdeenshire North and Moray East had been upgraded from a "tier 2" target.

The Nationalists will pour extra cash into the seat and SNP candidate Seamus Logan will benefit from more activists.

Swinney is expected to campaign for

Logan tomorrow in a direct challenge to Ross. The new seat has a narrow notional Tory majority but SNP insiders say it is in play.

A Scottish Tories spokesperson said: "If voters in this constituency unite around Douglas Ross and the Scottish Conservatives on July 4 they can beat the SNP, end their independence obsession for good and get the focus on to their real priorities like creating good jobs and standing up for rural interests."

Ross said sorry to Tory voters this week for the recent chaos and admitted it was "not good enough".

He has a third job as a football linesman and had faced allegations he claimed Westminster expenses while moonlighting as a referee.

However, there was good news for Ross last night when he was cleared of wrongdoing.

An Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority spokesperson said: "We have reviewed Mr Ross's travel claims, relating to the allegations made in the Press, and met with him to discuss the issues that have been raised."

"Following this review, we are satisfied that the claims were within IPSA's rules and no further action is required."

SNP MSP Keith Brown said: "Douglas Ross thinks he can treat the electorate with contempt. Well, all he has done is made us more determined than ever to take the SNP's message to the people of Aberdeenshire North & Moray East."



SNP CANDIDATE
Seamus Logan



“Douglas Ross thinks he can treat the electorate with contempt”

KEITH BROWN SNP MSP
HITS OUT

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL IN NORTH-EAST PAGES 10&11

Scandal of patients treated in corridors

OVERCROWDING in Scotland's emergency departments has led to more than half treating patients in corridors, research has found.

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) analysed data to capture a "snapshot" of an average Monday night in A&E units during four weeks in March and April.

With 21 out of 29

BY NEIL POORAN

providing information, 14 reported patients were being treated in corridors.

Of the 826 patients in the 21 A&Es, 12.8 per cent (106 people) were being treated in the corridor.

The RCEM said the problem of overcrowding happens across the UK.

Dr John-Paul Loughrey, its vice-president for Scotland, said: "These

findings are unfortunately not surprising for anyone who has worked in or visited an A&E in Scotland in the last few years."

Dr Adrian Boyle, president of the RCEM, added: "We need more staffed beds, improved staff retention and improved social care provisions so we can safely discharge people and therefore reduce

dangerously long A&E wait times that are currently being endured."

A Scottish Government spokesman said: "The Scottish Budget provides over £19.5 billion for health and social care. Through our Urgent and Unscheduled Care Collaborative Programme, Scotland's health boards are taking action to improve patient flow and reduce delays."



CONCERNED Loughrey



Shakira's no time for men

SHAKIRA has insisted she's in no hurry to find a new man - because she doesn't have "space" for a partner in her life at the moment.

The Colombian singer, 47, was linked with Tom Cruise and racing driver Lewis Hamilton last year following her split from ex-footballer Gerard Pique, 37.

In an interview with Rolling Stone, she said: "I'm not thinking about that. What space do I have for a man right now?"

The mum to Milan, 11, and Sasha, nine, hinted her family aren't ready for her to have a new "formal relationship", saying their "emotional and psychological well-being" are her "priority".

RED HOT AND BLUE
Shakira in photo shoot for Rolling Stone mag



LIPS DON'T LIE
Shakira is focused on her kids' well-being

LEWIS IS BACK IN STUDIO

Pal reveals singer's ready to return

BY JAMES CABOOTER

LEWIS Capaldi is back in the studio and ready to make a comeback, his pal JC Stewart has revealed.

JC said the Scot is doing "great" after taking a break to prioritise his mental health following Glastonbury last year.

Lewis had to cut short his set at the festival and apologised to the crowd after his Tourette syndrome got the better of him.

JC, who collaborated with Lewis on his record-breaking debut album, said: "I'm super excited to hear what he's going to do next."

"He and all my other friends came down to my London shows a few weeks ago, which was a lot of fun, and we've all been writing songs together! It's been amazing."

JC now releases music independently but recognises that big labels have started taking better care of their artists' mental health as a consequence of



WISH YOU WELL Lewis took a break

Lewis's high-profile issues. He said: "I think the major companies are helping more than they were previously, which is great. For example, when I left my old label, I was offered three therapy sessions, which was super helpful."

Being independent is clearly working for JC as he's on top form with new single Hey Babe, I'm A Mess, I'm Sorry.

He added: "This song was essentially therapy for me."



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DOWN BUT



DISAPPOINTMENT

A Scotland fan at a special event at East End Park in Dunfermline last night.
Pic: Ross Parker/SNS



STRAIN
Supporters watch the goals in Munich

THE Tartan Army last night declared the show must go on as their heroes slipped to a chastening 5-1 defeat against hosts Germany.

An estimated 200,000 Scots were in Munich – most of them without tickets – just to be there for the historic Euro 2024 opener.

Tens of thousands piled into the Olympiapark fan zone to make sure they got a seat on the grassy hill around the huge screen.

Despite being billed as the prime location for ticketless Germans to watch the match, it was a Tartan Army takeover as the arena turned into a sea of Saltires.

And despite the result, supporters leaving the fan zone said they were still heading out into the city to continue the party – and hope for a big improvement in the next two games.

Fans believe Scotland will still qualify for the knockout stages with good performances against Switzerland on Wednesday and Hungary next Sunday.

Robert Young, 39, and his friend

RESULT WON'T DISCOURAGE FANS

NOT OUT



“I’m gutted about the result but we are going to win the other two games, so it’s fine

MARCUS HALL

UPSET Young fans realise how tough it can be following your country

Backing as passionate as ever despite setback in Munich

BY RYAN CARROLL

In Munich with The Tartan Army

Bobby Rushford, 36, both from Falkirk, were among 25,000 Scots at the Olympiapark.

Bobby, a golf professional at Falkirk Golf Club, added: “I’ve waited so many years for this. The result doesn’t matter.

“I’m disappointed but I still firmly believe we can get out the group.

“Getting the Germany game out the way is a good thing. We believe in Steve Clarke. He’s done a phenomenal job. We can get a result against Switzerland.

“The atmosphere has been absolutely electric all night.”

Robert, who works in construction, said: “We’ve been lucky enough to travel the world with Scotland but this is the best atmosphere I’ve ever seen.

“They told us it was going to be 20,000 Germans in here but there was never any chance

they’d fit them in with us here. It’s just been jam-packed with Scotland fans.”

Brian Earle, 40, a railway worker from Ayrshire, said: “We’re here to enjoy ourselves. I’ve always said we are in the group of death.

“Hungary are absolutely on their game at the moment and we always knew the threat the hosts would cause. We’re just here for a good time.

“It was great to be here – the Germans always do it best. Everywhere you go, everything is fantastic. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“The fan zone is absolutely fantastic. They had bands on throughout the day and everyone’s been enjoying themselves. “The wait for the beers wasn’t ideal but it is what it is. We all just took our turn going up.”

The Scots and Germans watched the match together

and partied as one ahead of kick-off.

The arena, which holds 25,000 people, hit capacity several hours before kick off and was packed to the brim all day long.

Punters in need of a beer were forced to queue for an hour it didn’t ruin the mood.

Jack Woods, 23, from Fife, who is in the RAF, said: “I don’t care about the result. I just feel so lucky to be here.

“The fan zone has been unbelievable. We got down here at 1pm and the atmosphere all day was incredible. The queues for drinks were horrendous but what can you do?”

As fans waited, they were treated to a performance of all the Scottish classics including Caledonia, I’m On My Way by the Proclaimers and even Ye Canny Shove Yer Granny off the Bus. First Minister John Swinney turned up and was joined on

stage by German football legend Philipp Lahm.

Gayle Hill, 50, from Banchory, Aberdeenshire, had been in the sun all day before watching the match on the big screen.

The HR worker at SSE said: “The result wasn’t spoiled our day. It has been phenomenal to be here with the kids.”

Marcus Hall, 27, who works in a bank in his home town Dunfermline, said: “I’m gutted but we are going to win the other two games, so it’s fine. We are heading into town to party.

“The atmosphere was sensational with the songs and everything going on pre-match. It was a nightmare getting a drink but we felt it was still worth it to be here.”

Ricky Waddell, 43, from Glasgow, said: “I just loved being in the fanzone. I was hoping for a win but it was great to watch it from here anyway.”

DEFINING MOMENT

Ryan Porteous is sent off after giving away a penalty



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BY RYAN CARROLL
and PAUL DRURY

SCOTLAND and Germany fans formed a new United Nations yesterday as they celebrated the opening of the Euro 2024 Championships together in Munich.

Thousands of opposing fans draped the city's old town in the colours of the two countries and made a serious dent in local beer stocks.

With the Saltire flying over Marienplatz, some members of the Tartan Army carried crates of the local brew into the ancient square. One fan remarked: "That's the aperitif."

Home supporters were delighted to mingle with the kilted hordes ahead of the Euro24 opening match between Scotland and Germany.

Marcello Spindler, from Berlin, was celebrating his 32nd birthday with mates before heading to the match.

He said: "I feel like I am in Glasgow, not Munich."

"I am more at home celebrating with the Scotland fans than the German supporters."

Friends Bruce Gorrie and Roddy Young were among thousands of Scots enjoying the pre-match party in Marienplatz.

Bruce, 29, an insurance underwriter from Edinburgh, said: "We have waited a long time for this, so we're going to have a proper party."

Roddy, 23, a shinty development officer from Aviemore, added: "I only landed two hours ago. I started getting blootered on the plane."

Raph Scott and mate Donald Macleod travelled from Skye via Glasgow, Paris and Stuttgart to keep their appointment with the Tartan Army.

Wearing a yellow kilt and sporting the black, red and yellow of Germany, bar worker Raph said: "This has been absolutely amazing. We are loving it in Munich. The people are so friendly."

Half of the square was roped off yesterday to allow crews to create a fan zone, where ticketless supporters could later watch the match.

Others went off to north Munich, where another 25,000-capacity fan zone had been set up, complete with beer

I feel like I'm in Glasgow not Munich!

Lager-loving locals team up with the Tartan Army who transform their city into a Dear Green Platz... and party has only just begun

I am more at home celebrating with the Scotland fans than the German supporters

MARCELLO SPINDLER
FROM BERLIN

CRATE CRAIC
Bruce Gorrie and Roddy Young

LAGER THAN LIFE
The Tartan Army get the drinks in ahead of the game

WUNDERBAR
The German fans, in their lederhosen, are in fine voice

and sausage stalls.

Twins Derek and Darren

Ross, from Edinburgh, made it a family affair by travelling

with their 78-year-old dad, Brian.

Derek, 41, an analyst, said: "I got a carry-out for €52 (£43) but I don't think it will last very

long. We're feeling pretty thirsty in the heat."

A piper encountered a newly-married couple as they emerged from their wedding into the square, wishing them the best of luck.

Police said there were no incidents of concern among the thousands of supporters.

It is 26 years since Scotland last qualified for a major foreign tournament. And the feeling among fans was they are there to party regardless of results.

Early yesterday, thousands more Scots arrived at Munich's

main train station full of ambition ahead of last night's crunch opener against Germany.

Derek Corbett, a welder, Gavin Vass, a security engineer, and Martin Ross, a 50-year-old fabricator, have been staying at a campsite in nearby Augsburg.

The trio, from Tain in the Easter Ross, caught up with the Record upon their arrival.

Derek, 62, said: "We've been staying on the outskirts after driving over in a motorhome.

"We've just travelled in now

and we're going to catch up with the Tartan Army and have a couple of beers."

Gavin, 52, said: "The site has been fantastic. It's been a great atmosphere there, there's quite a few Scots there."

"We've been well received by the locals too. We don't have tickets for the game but we're just going to check out the fan zone or find a decent pub."

"There are trains all night so we'll get back easy enough –

even if the celebrations go on through the night!"

Train service manager Goran Nateski, from Macedonia, posed with the pair as they exchanged hats for the picture.

Elsewhere Daniel Hay, an electrician from Kirkcaldy, and Ryan Fernie, a 29-year-old student from the same town, were heading back after spending the night in Ingolstadt.

Daniel, 23, said: "It's been a crazy trip. We flew in here via



WE'RE HERR FOR THE BEER



PAINT THE TOWN BLUE Our supporters take over Munich



WELL PLAID
Donald Macleod and Raph Scott



DRAM BUSTER
Alex Salmond breaks out our national drink



GUTEN KNIGHT
Scotland fans with Sir Alex Ferguson



WELL DONE JA
Lorraine Kelly

Ryan Carroll's Euros diary



THE previous night it was "no Scotland, no party"... last night it was the sound of bagpipes ringing around my head as we prepared for the biggest game of our lives.

The Tartan Army has not stopped partying for three days before a ball was even kicked. Quite impressive really.

The good-natured chaos continued yesterday and the scenes were bordering on the ridiculous.

Thousands of Scots packed out the Marienplatz in a party to end all parties.

It all started off quite calm as hangovers were brushed off.

That didn't last for long though and soon enough the party was back on as we headed to the fan zone outside the city centre.

The arena was truly impressive and from as early as 2pm the place was packed out around the huge stage. There was a great band playing to the early punters but the crowd were more interested in singing their usual anthems as kick-off approached.

The best moment came when the musicians tried to get involved as they cried: "No Scotland, No fun!"

I liked that, and it's that tune I will have stuck in my head after an exhausting 24 hours of partying and football.. just for a change.

Sweden, then spent a night in Munich before heading to Ingolstadt.

"We met some German friends through there as Kirkcaldy is a twin town with there.

"So there's a connection between Raith Rovers and Ingolstadt FC.

"We're back in Munich now and we've got a beer garden booked for the game. I think we've got a chance."

Bobby Winning and his wife Janetta, from Saltcoats, Ayrshire, arrived in from the outskirts of Munich too.

Bobby, 62, said: "We are staying in Pfaffenhofen which is about 30 minutes from here.

We've just been staying at B&Bs the whole way.

"We drove over through Dover. We are the only Scots out in Pfaffenhofen so we've been like celebrities there. Everyone wants a picture. It's been really good.

"On the motorway, there were a lot of Scottish fans in the cars and vans too.

"Everyone was tooting their horns, we had the soft top down too. We're meeting out daughter here too.

"We've got tickets for the Hungary match but we're going to watch from the fan zone tonight."



GET INDY THEM
Swinney with Craig

Swinney, the Thirst Minister

FIRST Minister John Swinney praised the "phenomenal" atmosphere in Munich before the match.

Dressed in a Scotland shirt and kilt, the FM was spotted on the streets of Munich, speaking to and embracing members of the Tartan Army.

Among those he met was Craig Ferguson, who walked from Scotland to Germany to raise

money for men's mental health. The pair talked over a beer.

"The Tartan Army has been on great form," Swinney said, "you can hear them behind me."

The Nats' Westminster leader Stephen Flynn has also been in town lending his support and hoping for some in return at the polls.

Swinney was also at work meeting members of the Bavarian Government and energy companies.



BACK OF NAT Stephen Flynn

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THEN AND NOW Andy

Front page Andy's 50th anniversary

BY ANDY LINES

SCOTLAND fan Andy Cramb is back in Germany with the Tartan Army – 50 years after the last trip.

He nabbed his dad's Ford Cortina and was in Dortmund on June 14, 1974, when Scotland beat Zaire 2-0 in the World Cup.

His picture was used on the front page of the Record as he celebrated the win.

Andy, from Easterhouse, Glasgow, was in Munich last night with wife Marion, 71, and sister Liz Day, 62.

Now 71, and a retired army lance bombardier, taxi driver and mechanic, he said: "There can't be many people who have been in Germany at a football tournament, on the same day, 50 years apart."



TRAVELLING Fiona McCall

Fiona defies cancer to go to Germany

BY ROSS THOMSON

A TARTAN Army footsoldier is travelling to Germany to cheer on Scotland despite a terminal cancer diagnosis.

Fiona McCall was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer last year.

But the 45-year-old, from Wishaw, Lanarkshire, is going to the Euros this weekend with pal Steven Morton.

Fiona said: "I have been using alternative therapies and cannabis oil which is helping me. I haven't had any chemo and I get a scan every three months from my doctor."

"He's happy enough at the moment. I'm managing fine just now."

"I'm just embracing life and the Euros is part of it."

DON'T
LOOK
NOW
Beers
come in
handy in
Glasgow



IN THE PINK A group of supporters showing their true colours at the fan zone in Dunfermline's East End Park ahead of the match

WE'RE IN

BY BEV LYONS

SCOTLAND fans got right behind Steve Clarke's boys at fanzones around the country last night – before it all went horribly wrong.

Supporters were in good spirits – until about 10 minutes into the match when Florian Wirtz put the home side ahead.

Heads were in hands as the Germans swept into a three-goal lead and Scotland's Ryan Porteous was sent off.

But it takes a lot to keep the Tartan Army down.

Among hundreds gathered at Dundee Fan Park in the city's Riverside Park was Barrie Laing, who was remaining optimistic.

The 56-year-old, who works

Fans in high spirits before party falls flat as team crumble to a crushing 5-1 defeat

for a manufacturing company in the city, said he still hoped Scotland could progress to the knockout stages.

Barrie said: "I'm old enough to have so many dreams shattered but I keep dreaming. "I'm just happy that we got here."

"As far as I'm concerned, the job's done. We've qualified and anything now is a bonus."

"It's not going to be easy, we've had so many false dawns, but it's got to happen one day."

Earlier, the Tartan Army's home guard were in fine form.

Bars and fanzones were filled to the brim with fans who were making the most of the party

atmosphere. In Glasgow's Merchant Square, the atmosphere was buzzing long before the Scots squad even took to the pitch.

And emotion was at fever pitch as Flower of Scotland was belted out before the kick-off.

David Selwyn and pals lapped it all up after making the trip to Glasgow city centre from Ayr to watch the game with the Tartan Army.

David said: "What makes the Tartan Army special is just the party you get. It's phenomenal. "Once the songs get going it's amazing."

Jamie Hamilton, 22, also from Ayr, said: "It's amazing," while

his 33-year-old pal Jamie Crane added: "It's historic to be here and we are having some more beers."

Tony Boyle, 34, said: "It's brilliant."

"Win or lose we drink the booze."

Charlie Macleod Adams, 22, from Helensburgh, had his Saltire wrapped around him.

He said: "A Scotland party is made the best by the fans obviously."

"We're all mental but we are all friendly so it's a good mix."

"I'm absolutely gutted I'm not in Germany but here is amazing."

"It would be great to be there

TOASTING TEAM TO DROWNING SORROWS



HEAD IN HANDS Some fans can't bear to watch as it all goes wrong

LOOKING GOOD Optimistic young fans at East End Park in Dunfermline before the match



HERE FOR THE BEERS A group of supporters toast the team ahead of the big match at the fan zone at Barras Art and Design in Glasgow

THE ZONE

but I'm surrounded by Scotland fans."

Seated at a table in their matching kits singing No Scotland No Party were Paisley men Connor Moore, 31, Martin Wright, 34, Ryan Moore, 37, Douglas Malin, 32, Anthony O'Neil, 42 and Graeme McIntyre 38.

Graeme said: "We all bought the matching kits to celebrate. "Half of us are Celtic and half of us are Rangers but Scotland games bring us all together.

"At this Scotland fan event we are all pals together."

Cash Thomson, 18, from California, and his mum Vanessa, 44, and 42-year-old

dad Chris were standing watching the big screen when The Proclaimers 500 Miles was played.

Cash was enjoying the atmosphere and said: "I think it's awesome."

Vanessa added: "I'm with family and we are having a great time.

"We came here to renew our vows but we couldn't resist coming here too to spend a great day out with the family.

"I've never seen anything like it and I'm happy to be a part of it."

Tens of thousands of pints of lager were ordered ahead of the Tartan Army party

and by 4.30pm punters were being turned away from the door as it was full to capacity.

Over at the nearby BAAd VIP fanzone Scottish football legend Alan McInally was being interviewed by David Tanner, as fans dressed in kilts and draped in Scotland flags made their way into both the indoor and outside areas to watch the game on screens.

At Edinburgh's Three Sisters bar, in the city's Cowgate, the outdoor beer garden played host to hundreds of passionate fans who couldn't make it to Germany.



SIGHT MARE Fan covers his eyes

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ELECTION 2024 LATEST IN SERIES



OPPORTUNIST Salmond

It's yer selfie

THE Tartan Army could barely move in Munich for politicians looking for photo opportunities yesterday.

Former first minister Alex Salmond was leading the charge in the selfie stakes, dressed in a Scotland shirt with "Salmond" on the back - just in case any fans in Munich were left wondering if it was really him.

Take me to your leder

FANS were also treated to the rare sight of John Swinney not wearing a suit and tie.

The First Minister followed Tartan Army dress code by wearing a kilt and replica jersey in Munich. Meanwhile, Angus Robertson showed off his German heritage by teaming a Scotland top with lederhosen.



JOHN SWINNEY

First Minister could forget the stresses of the election campaign for a few hours at least as he mingled with fans.



DOUGLAS ROSS

Douglas Ross and his refereeing colleagues from the SFA are staying home. No Scottish officials made the cut for the tournament.

Quote of the day

"The atmosphere is just phenomenal"

JOHN SWINNEY ENJOYS HIMSELF IN MUNICH

THIS election is being hailed as the most important in a generation. Every Saturday our Election Special Correspondent **DAN VEVERS** will be looking at the key battleground seats in a series of special features. He'll find out what voters think and what the big issues are ahead of polling day. Today, Dan looks at **Aberdeenshire North and Moray East - where Tory leader Douglas Ross is standing**

SKIPPER John Clark, back in Peterhead Harbour after a week at sea, doesn't have a lot of time for the parties vying for his vote this general election.

"I spoke to a lad last night and he said politicians are like nappies - they have to be changed daily, and for the same reason," he told us as we caught up with him dockside.

That mistrust and disdain for politicians is everywhere in Peterhead - for good reason.

Fishermen, who overwhelmingly backed Brexit in 2016, thinking it would end hated EU fisheries policies, feel betrayed by the Tories for keeping them locked into Brussels quotas.

In Scotland, unsuccessful SNP and Green attempts to foist no-fishing zones - or Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs) - on 10 per cent of waters were met with outrage.

Now, these people have as their Tory candidate the outgoing Scottish leader Douglas Ross - but only after he shoved his party colleague and respected former MP David Duguid out of the way.

In a town such as Peterhead, already distrustful of politicians, that was perhaps a bold move for a man who wants these people's votes.

Clark, in charge of the vessel Reliance III and a skipper for more than three decades, said: "What the Scottish Conservatives have done to Mr Duguid is a total disgrace.

"To deselect him when he's recovering from a serious bout of illness in hospital is really, really bad.

"And I actually think the Conservatives are going to pay dearly at the election for it.

"It's just the way it's been handled... there's questions over Ross's expenses as well."

In 2019, Duguid retained the old seat covering this area, Banff and Buchan, pretty convincingly for the

SOLD DOWN THE RIVER

Dan VEVERS visits one of the most talked about seats in the election after Douglas Ross declared he would be standing as a candidate for Aberdeenshire North and Moray East



Conservatives over the SNP. He wanted to stand again this year in the redrawn Aberdeenshire North and Moray East constituency - and had been approved by local Tory members.

But Duguid, who had been recovering from spinal surgery, was set aside at the 11th hour by party bosses or, as critics have more colourfully put it, stabbed in the back.

All to make way for Ross - who, despite promising he would stick to Holyrood, has now U-turned to gun for another Westminster seat,

even agreeing to sacrifice his leadership of the Scottish Tories to see it through, and amid fury from his own ranks.

Clark can only laugh when I ask him if he's ever seen a party

scooter, he still would have got the vote," he said.

"Regardless of what happened with Brexit and all that betraying, he still did a lot of work for the fishing industry behind the scenes.

"I had words with him to the effect of 'you betrayed us, do one, eff off, I won't vote for you again'.

"But really, behind the scenes, he was a hard-working person and the way he's been treated is terrible."

In Peterhead town centre, local man Willie Aird is also

under no illusions, saying. "I think the undecided voter may feel [Ross] has done the dirty.

"He's got this issue with his expenses coming up as well now. It seems he doesn't know himself what he wants to be.

"Is he an MSP, is he a leader, is he an MP, is he a linesman? I don't know. It may sway a few voters, although it's a strong Conservative seat here."

How is he going to vote? "I'm not a Tory fan and now Douglas Ross has thrown his hat into the ring, I'll be anybody but Douglas Ross," he said.

"I was conscious before I might have been Lib Dem or something like that but

The way Duguid has been treated is terrible

SKIPPER JOHN CLARK ON AXING OF TORY CANDIDATE

leader quit midway through an election before. But he's far less amused by how Duguid has been treated.

"I actually think even if David Duguid wheeled about in a wheelchair or a mobility

ON KEY BATTLEGROUND SEATS



MAKING WAVES
Tory candidate selection row is a topic of discussion at Peterhead harbour

BLUE TOON Peterhead is part of the new constituency

definitely SNP now just to keep Douglas Ross out."

The Nationalist candidate is Fraserburgh councillor Seamus Logan – hoping to restore the SNP to what was once its heartlands, with Banff and Buchan previously held by the party for 30 years between Alex Salmond and Eilidh Whiteford.

In the cafe of the Fishermen's Mission charity, we asked retired fisher Peter Strachan how he's feeling about the election. He said: "Terrible."

But he liked Duguid. "It's obvious he's been stabbed in the back. But I wasn't going to vote for him anyway," he added.

It turns out he's backing

Reform: "I'll never vote for Labour. I voted for the SNP in the past, I'll never vote for them again. The Conservatives have let us down. There's nobody else but Nigel."

The received wisdom is that Nigel Farage's Reform Party won't be a huge factor in Scotland come polling day.

But Clark thinks the unique circumstances of Ross' seizure of the candidacy from Duguid – plus the area's pro-Brexit sympathies – could see the outgoing Tory leader face a real challenge from his right.

Reform's candidate is Jo Hart – who we heard was expected in the town later that day to

speak to local fishermen. Clark said: "After what Douglas Ross has done, I think there will be a huge protest vote against Ross which will be bad for him, as it's more or less giving this seat to the SNP."

"I think Reform will do a bit better here."

For Shirley Bowden, who

runs local microbrewery Brew Toon with her son, she's not sure what to make of Ross.

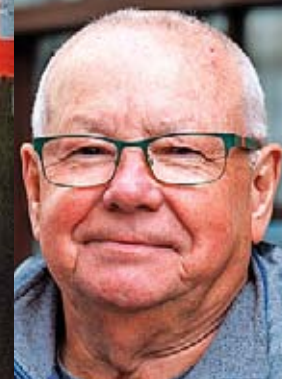
But of Duguid, she said: "David's actually been in here. He came across as being friendly, he introduced himself, he took some pictures with us and he asked how we felt about our business, so yeah, he was very open to any ideas."



UNIMPRESSED John Clark



BUSINESS Shirley Bowden



ANTI-ROSS Willie Aird



REFORM Peter Strachan

In Peterhead as in other towns and villages along the north-east coast, fishing has long dominated political debate – but it's not the only issue in this newly-enlarged constituency.

Bowden told us: "They need to do more to lower people's costs and give families the opportunity to go out and spend money."

"Everyone would like to see higher wages but what I hear a lot is also housing problems."

"It's the basics. And you hear a lot about that here in Peterhead."

"The politicians aren't trying hard enough."

Q&A

Who's standing?

Douglas Ross – Conservatives
Seamus Logan – SNP
Andy Brown – Labour
Jo Hart – Reform
Ian Bailey – Liberal Democrats

Who won last time?

This is a new seat but its closest equivalent in 2019, Banff and Buchan, was retained by Tory David Duguid, increasing his majority to more than 4000. The redrawn constituency contains part of Moray – the old Moray seat was won by Douglas Ross five years ago, although he squeaked home by about 500 votes.

Who are the contenders?

For decades, this was an SNP stronghold – with Banff and Buchan held by Alex Salmond from 1987 to 2010 and Eilidh Whiteford until 2017. Moray was represented first by Margaret Ewing then Angus Robertson over the same period. This is among the Nationalists' top targets.

What swing does the SNP need to win?

Combining the results from the two old constituencies in 2019, just 2.6 per cent. They may be aided by Nigel Farage's Reform squeezing the Tory vote from the right.

Did this area back Brexit?

Moray was the council area in Scotland that came closest with 50.1 per cent voting to stay in the EU. The fishing industry was widely supportive of Brexit – hurting pro-EU SNP candidates in the 2017 snap general election.

So what area does the constituency cover?

The port towns of Peterhead and Fraserburgh and other coastal spots such as Banff, Cruden Bay, Rosehearty and Portsoy. It also reaches inland to a spate of farming villages such as Aberchirder. Crossing into Moray, it includes settlements such as Buckie, Keith and Fochabers.

What are the big issues?

Fishing and farming. Oil and gas is also an important topic here, with a huge gas terminal at St Fergus near Peterhead.

Anything else?

The SNP government's failure to dual the A90 and A96 as originally promised by Alex Salmond is another election issue.

What if I've not registered to vote?

You have until 11.59pm on Tuesday, June 18, to register at gov.uk/register-to-vote. Remember, if you're voting in person you need photo ID such as a passport or driving licence.

RECORD VIEW

Excuses thin on our broken NHS

OUR NHS is beyond the point where we can say it is in crisis. It seems to be at breaking point.

Accessing a GP is becoming increasingly difficult and one in six Scots is languishing on a waiting list.

The ambulance service is in a bad way and our A&Es are struggling to cope.

New analysis shows how bad it is in Scotland's emergency departments.

Overcrowding has led to more than half treating patients in corridors.

Of the 826 patients across the 21 emergency departments, 12.8 per cent were being treated on trolleys in the corridor.

Little wonder Dr John-Paul Loughrey of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine has described the figures as "truly heartbreaking". He said the situation facing many people is "devastating", "inappropriate" and "undignified".

A general election is a good way of shining a spotlight on public services.

It shows where ministers are failing and where improvements must be made.

Even though this is a Westminster election, the SNP government has to step up to the plate on the NHS.

There's no doubt 14 years of Tory austerity has had a negative impact on all public services in Scotland.

Covid and lockdown also had a devastating impact on the health service across the UK.

But key elements of the NHS are simply not working and the excuses are wearing thin.

We need more beds, a proper staff retention policy and a joined up social care policy to solve the crisis in A+E.

The experience of patients in the 21st century is simply unacceptable and must change as soon as possible.

CORRIDOR SCANDAL - PAGE 2

Salute Souness

TOO often the honours system is used to reward time-serving Tories, career civil servants or big-money businessmen.

So it is refreshing to see so many real heroes rewarded in the King's Birthday Honours list this year.

Among them is Scotland legend Graeme Souness. The hardman midfielder has shown us all his softer side by befriending "butterfly girl" Isla Grist, who suffers from the painful condition Epidermolysis bullosa.

After reading about her plight Souness pledged to do everything he could to raise awareness of the condition – and money to help find a cure.

He swam the English Channel with a team including Isla's dad and has continued to do amazing work for the charity Debra, which helps children like Isla and other sufferers.

Well done to Graeme and all the Scots in the King's Birthday Honours list.

If the honours system is to have any meaning, it is these everyday heroes that should be first on the list.

IT'S AN HONOUR - PAGES 14&15

PRINCESS OF WALES: MY

I'm not out of the woods yet

BY **LUCY THORNTON**
and **RUSSELL MYERS**

THE Princess of Wales will take on a public duty today for the first time since she told of her cancer in March.

She will attend Trooping the Colour but warned she is "not out of the woods" yet.

After months of uncertainty and worry, Kate yesterday delighted the nation by speaking publicly and releasing an uplifting picture.

In a heartfelt message, she was candid about her ongoing battle with cancer and confirmed that she also hopes to attend some summer events, health depending.

In the new picture, she looked serene as she posed under a weeping willow tree in the grounds of the Windsor estate.

It was taken by celebrity and royal photographer Matt Porteous.

But in her first public appearance since announcing she had cancer, Kate warned she will still need preventative chemotherapy for some months.

She thanked the country for its support during the dark days following her diagnosis and praised others who have shared their own experiences of the dreadful disease with her.

The 42-year-old said: "I have been blown away by all the kind messages of support and encouragement over the last couple of months.

"It really has made the world of difference to William and me, and has helped us both through some of the harder times.

"I am making good progress but as anyone going through chemotherapy will know, there are good days and bad days.

"On those bad days you feel weak, tired and you have to give in to your body resting.

"But on the good days, when you feel stronger, you want to make the most of feeling well.

"My treatment is ongoing and

JOY With William and kids at last year's event



» Kate is back for Trooping Colour » But brave cancer fight goes on

will be for a few more months. I'm looking forward to attending The King's Birthday Parade this weekend with my family and hope to join a few public engagements over the summer, but equally knowing I am not out of the woods yet.

"I am learning how to be patient, especially with uncertainty. Thank you so much for your understanding, and to all of you who have so bravely shared your stories with me."

A Palace source said the princess is "doing well" and "very much looking forward to being with her family" during the Trooping the Colour, where she is expected to appear on the Buckingham Palace balcony.

Kate will travel there along The Mall in a state carriage with her children, George, 10, Charlotte, nine and five-year-old Louis. The

Prince of Wales will take part in the military parade on horseback.

It has also been revealed the princess has started working from home as it brings her "joy" but she is aware she still needs time to heal.

Kate said she hopes to attend some events over the summer as she feels able to and with the help of her doctors – but it will not be a return to a full schedule.

A royal source said: "This is a real journey and it takes time. And



DELIGHT King in uniform

MESSAGE TO THE NATION

Kate's message...

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On those bad days you feel weak, tired and you have to give in to your body resting.

But on the good days, when you feel stronger, you want to make the most of feeling well.

My treatment is ongoing and will be for a few more months.

On the days I feel well enough, it is a joy to engage with school life, spend personal time on the things that give me energy and positivity, as well as starting to do a little work from home.

I'm looking forward to attending The King's Birthday Parade this weekend with my family and hope to join a few public engagements over the summer, but equally knowing I am not out of the woods yet.

I am learning how to be patient, especially with uncertainty.

Taking each day as it comes, listening to my body, and allowing myself to take this much-needed time to heal.

Thank you so much for your continued understanding, and to all of you who have so bravely shared your stories with me.



LAST OUTING At Sandringham



DARK TIMES Princess tells of cancer in March

SERENE SCENE
New snap of Kate by tree at Windsor

it's very important the princess takes the time to recover."

It was revealed any public duties Kate undertakes would be measured with how she is feeling at any given time.

But they will not include next week's Order of the Garter ceremony or any part of the Royal Ascot festival, where other members of the royal family, including the King and Queen, are expected to be present.

Kate's duties from home

included briefings with her Kensington Palace team, The Royal Foundation and the Centre for Early Childhood. William is said to have been pleased to see his wife starting to engage with the work and projects that are important to her, and will continue to focus on supporting her and their children while doing his own public engagements.

The sources confirmed Kate, who had abdominal surgery in January, has spoken to the King. He

is also fighting cancer but has since returned to a slimmed down schedule of public duties, including travelling to Normandy for the D-Day 80th anniversary this month.

A spokesman said: "His Majesty is delighted that the princess is able to attend tomorrow's events, and is very much looking forward to all elements of the day."

Kate is to make the "surprise" appearance, even though she did not attend the Colonel's Review on

June 8 – the traditional rehearsal for the birthday parade.

The princess, who is the honorary Colonel of the Irish Guards, had written to them to apologise for missing the event and wishing them luck.

Kate had stopped all public appearances after announcing her cancer diagnosis, which she said had come as a "huge shock".

Her last official engagement was the Royal Family's Christmas Day visit to church at Sandringham.

FAMOUS SCOTS AMONG THOSE NAMED



INSPIRATION
Souness with Isla, who has 'butterfly skin' condition EB

BY DAN WARBURTON

SCOTLAND legends Ally McCoist and Graeme Souness led a cast of Scots awarded prestigious gongs in the King's birthday honours list.

Ex-Rangers striker McCoist, 61, was recognised with an OBE for his contribution to football and broadcasting, after launching a career as a TV pundit following his retirement from the game.

Former Scotland and Liverpool captain Souness, 71, was also handed a CBE, for his football career and charity work.

Last year he raised more than £1million for Debra UK after completing a charity swim across the English Channel.

He was inspired by Isla Grist, from Inverness, who suffers from the painful "butterfly skin" condition epidermolysis bullosa (EB).

Souness, Debra UK's vice-president, said: "I am delighted and humbled to receive this honour."

"It is wonderful that the King has honoured me with a CBE and it is important to acknowledge the whole team which works tirelessly to find solutions to the intolerable pain, itch and inflammation of this horrendous condition."

"This is for my friend Isla and everyone else living with EB."

Former prime minister Gordon Brown becomes a Companion of Honour for public and charitable services in the UK and abroad.

The honour recognises significant contributions to the arts, science, medicine or government over a long time and is limited to 65 people.

Brown, 73, thanked his family and those who he worked with during his decades in public service.

He added: "I feel slightly embarrassed as the opportunity to serve is an honour in itself and my preference has always been to recognise all those brilliant, unsung local heroes who quietly and selflessly give their time to contribute to the vitality of our communities."

There is a knighthood for Professor Niall Ferguson, who

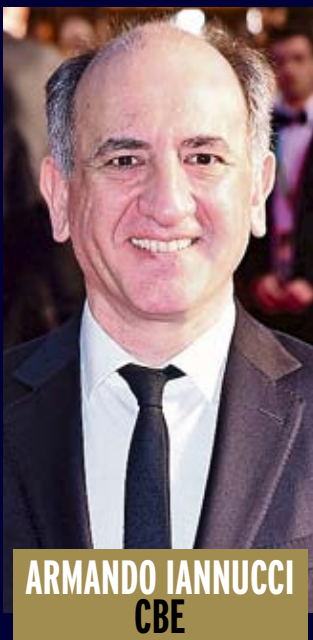
IT'S AN HONOUR

» Souness dedicates OBE to Isla, the girl he swam Channel to raise money for

» Former PM Brown thanks family after being named Companion of Honour



GORDON BROWN
CH



ARMANDO IANNUCCI
CBE



STEPHEN GALLACHER
MBE



SANDY LYLE
OBE

first came to the attention of many with the 2003 Channel 4 series *Empire: How Britain Made The Modern World*.

The Glasgow-born historian, who has written 16 books, said: "Anything I have achieved is in truth the achievement of my grandparents, my parents, Glasgow Academy, Magdalen, Oxford, and family members, teachers, mentors and friends who encouraged me."

Golfer Stephen Gallacher becomes an MBE while two-time major winner Sandy Lyle becomes an OBE for services

to Golf. Lyle, 66, who was made an MBE in 1987, said he was "honoured and humbled".

From the showbiz world, *The Thick Of It* creator Armando Iannucci becomes a CBE for services to film and television.

The Glaswegian satirist, who was also behind *The Day Today* and *Knowing Me, Knowing You* with Alan Partridge, said he was "delighted" and takes it as a signal to keep defending public broadcasters from "attacks on independence and funding".

Doug Allan, the BBC

cameraman from Dunfermline who worked on shows such as *Blue Planet*, is made a CBE.

Jane Spiers, chairwoman of the National Theatre of Scotland, said she was "still pinching myself" after becoming an OBE for services to culture in Scotland.

Anne Gregg, 54, was handed an MBE for her work at the forefront of the provision of chemotherapy and other cancer treatments for patients in the Orkney Islands.

As well as charity work in aid of Macmillan Orkney, she and

her husband set up an equestrian event at their farm which raises money for NHS Orkney.

Also on Orkney, Angus Heddle received an MBE for 73 years of voluntary service to the RNLI.

Fellow volunteer John Beveridge, 71, has been made an MBE for services to paddle steamer preservation and charity. He helped restore the world's last seagoing paddle steamer, the *PS Waverley*, as well as the *Maid of the Loch*.

A gran who spent years helping Holocaust survivors

before retiring aged 81 has said she is "very touched and just amazed" to be recognised.

Myrna Bernard, from Renfrewshire, has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the Jewish community and to the disabled in Scotland.

Hannah Beaton-Hawryluk, of South Queensferry, near Edinburgh, has been made an MBE for services to the Ukrainian community in Scotland.

The 63-year-old, whose Ukrainian father was forced to

IN KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

PRESTIGE
Souness and McCoist are among those who have been honoured by the King

Mr Bates takes gong for victims

BY HANNAH ROBERTS

POST Office campaigner Alan Bates said he is accepting a knighthood in the King's birthday honours on behalf of all those caught up in the Horizon scandal.

He was the force behind the exposure of the Post Office's campaign to jail sub-postmasters wrongly accused of stealing money from branches.

The convictions have recently been quashed by landmark legislation.

The founder of Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance, who was played by Toby Jones in the ITV drama Mr Bates vs The Post Office, previously rejected an honour.

Bates, 70, said: "The time I was asked about the OBE... I felt it would have been quite offensive to many of the group if I'd accepted it.

"But I do know that I've had hundreds of emails and letters of support over the years and a lot of people do seem to think that I should receive some sort of recognition for the work that I've done for them or on their behalf.

"I know I'm the recipient and all the rest but it's on behalf of the group as well - and recognition of the horrendous things that have happened to them - the story's not over yet."

Duran Duran's Simon Le Bon has said he is "beyond thrilled and surprised" to be made an MBE in the King's birthday honours.

The singer, 65, has become a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to music and charity.

He said: "What an incredible, and totally unexpected honour! "I am truly beyond thrilled and surprised. "This is a bright but humbling highlight as our journey continues."

Cyclist Mark Cavendish, 39, the joint record Tour de France stage winner, was knighted.

Artist Tracey Emin, 60, who is known for her autobiographical and



CAMPAIGN Alan Bates



ROLE Staunton as Queen confessional artwork, was made a dame.

She said: "Dame Tracey has a good ring to it. I'm very happy. A brilliant surprise in my life."

The Crown actress Imelda Staunton said she was "thrilled" to be made a dame for her services to drama and charity.

Staunton, 68, who played the Queen, added: "I feel genuinely humbled to be recognised on the same level as the amazing actresses, all the great dames, who have led the way for so many of us."

Singer Rebecca Ferguson, Countdown's Susie Dent and Strictly Come Dancing's Amy Dowden were among the showbiz names to be made MBEs.

More than 1000 people from across the UK received honours.

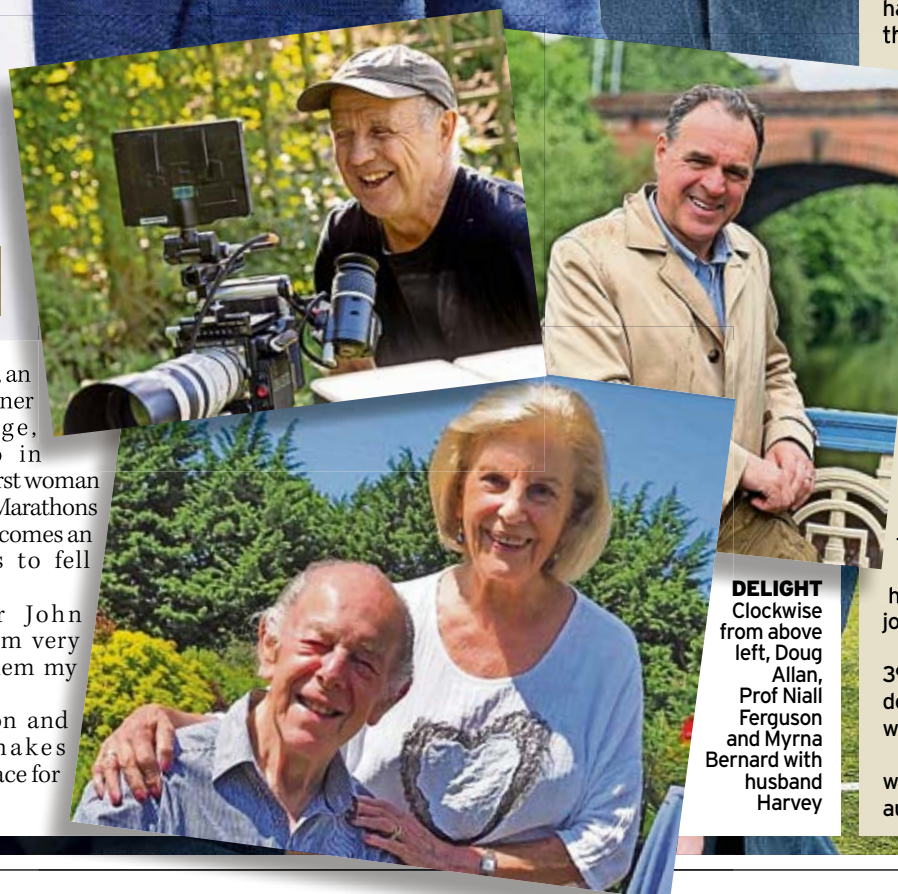
Organisers said 64 per cent of recipients were people who showed "outstanding work" in their communities, adding that 66 per cent of recipients lived outside London and the south-east.

Of the 1077 people honoured, 509 (48 per cent) were women and 10 per cent of the total were from an ethnic minority background.



GRAEME SOUNESS OBE

ALLY McCOIST OBE



DELIGHT
Clockwise from above left, Doug Allan, Prof Niall Ferguson and Myrna Bernard with husband Harvey

settle in Scotland following World War II, gave up her job and has raised £5.5million since Russia invaded in 2022.

She said: "I hope it's what my dad would have wanted."

Also being made an MBE is Gerald Loble, 79, from Kemnay in Aberdeenshire, who has spent 50 years teaching young people to play chess, including teaching a Scottish champion.

Moir Whyte, a professor of respiratory medicine at Edinburgh University, becomes a dame for services to medical research. Others recognised

include Jasmin Paris, an ultra-marathon runner from Gorebridge, Midlothian, who in March became the first woman to finish the Barkley Marathons 100-mile race and becomes an MBE for services to fell running.

First Minister John Swinney said: "I am very pleased to offer them my congratulations.

"Their dedication and commitment makes Scotland a better place for us all."



LOOKALIKES

I've got a feeling that Sir Rod Stewart's next album is going to be finger-lickin' good...



TEXT JOKES OF THE WEEK

- I was so poor as a kid, all the other kids used to call me Rishi.
- I've watched every single TV debate so far and there's something I still don't know. Can anyone tell me what Keir Starmer's father did for a living?
- People say "I love you" are the three greatest words in the English language. Only because we haven't yet had the opportunity to use the words "shark devours Farage".
- Not all fairy tales begin with "once upon a time". Many begin with "if I am elected, I promise..."
- Benedict Cumberbatch has revealed that, as a child, he suffered from crippling constipation. No s**t, Sherlock.
- I went to our local antiques market and found an old, brown, leathery tool. Turns out it was David Dickinson.
- My wife sent me a text last night saying: "Wish you were here." She does this every time she walks through a cemetery.
- Lost a fortune on three horses... Sunshine, Moonlight and Good Times. I blame it on the bookie.
- How many Beckhams does it take to change a lightbulb? Two. One to scratch her head and the other to phone a plumber.
- My mum said: "You treat this place like a hotel." Something she'll regret when I give her a low score on TripAdvisor for "rude staff".
- My mate set me up on a blind date and said: "She's a lovely girl, but there's something you should know - she's expecting a baby." I felt like a right idiot waiting in the pub wearing nothing but a nappy...
- I've just bought a bag of air from the shop. I was pleasantly surprised when I opened it to find a few crisps in the bottom.

AND FINALLY

IF YOU were anticipating a look back at the Germany v Scotland game in today's column, can I remind you that - due to tight deadlines - every word on these two pages was written before last night's game in Munich. To be honest, most of the jokes were written DECADES ago...

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TAM COWAN'S

” You were lucky Rishi.. them's days we watched the TV on Etch A Sketch

SPARE a thought for Rishi Sunak (no, really) after one of the biggest mix-ups in the entire history of British politics.

In fact, I think quite a lot of folk now owe the wee man an apology.

You see, dear reader, I can exclusively reveal the PM meant his family didn't have SKYE!

But they did own loads of other islands...

Seriously, though, this was heart-breaking stuff.

I mean, poor Rishi. Didn't have Sky TV as a kid (we'll ignore the fact satellite telly hadn't even been LAUNCHED when he was a youngster) and, as we witnessed recently, doesn't have a brolly as a grown-up.

In terms of being out of touch with the British electorate, this was on a par with the classic Peter Mandelson faux pas when he mistook chip-shop mushy peas for guacamole.

Listen, these upper-class twits couldn't even SPELL poverty.

Growing up in Motherwell, I didn't have the proverbial pot to pee in.

My dear old dad fixed everything at home with black gaffer tape that he (ahem) "borrowed" from the Honeywell factory in Newhouse where he worked all his days as a storeman.

And I mean EVERYTHING - my trainers, the pipes under the sink, the roof.

Give him enough rolls

of the stuff right now and, even at the age of 90, I bet he'd have a crack at the hole in the ozone layer.

He also sleekly cashed in on the fact that Fine Fare ran a complimentary bus for shoppers between the store in Motherwell and Hamilton where, conveniently, my granny lived...

Which is why, every Saturday, we'd stuff Fine Fare poly bags with coats,



SLUMMING IT Rishi Sunak's childhood home with no Sky, as a kid, and below Isle of Skye

hats and scarves before hopping on for a free ride.

(I still get Vietnam-style flashbacks at the mere mention of Fine Fare. Hands up all my fellow bread-line buddies whose parents sent you to school with a luminous bag of those Yellow Pack crisps?)

We didn't have colour telly 'til I was about 12 (a second-hand set courtesy of my Auntie Agnes who, a number of years later, also gave us her old Betamax video recorder with ONE film on tape - the Steve Martin classic The Man With Two Brains - which I can still recite to this day).

The nearest we came to modern technology was popping into my pal Alan Hunter's house.

His maw worked at Currys in Hamilton and I'll never forget the moment I saw the latest gadget she'd got with her staff discount... it was (gasp) a SodaStream!

To my pauper's eyes (starved of Vitamin C) it was like something from Star Trek. Jealous? You bet. Later that day, I nearly threw myself in front of the Alpine lorry...

At the risk of turning this into Monty Python's famous Four Yorkshiremen sketch, we were so poor I didn't have my 16th birthday until I was 33. (And the party was held in



the local laundrette - the highlight was playing Pass The Persil.)

We couldn't afford free school meals.

My dad bought me an air guitar for Christmas. (My wee pal was even less well off - he asked if he could have my old one!)

We used to watch TV on an Etch A Sketch.

In 1985, rock stars in Ethiopia held a concert for us.

My wee sister was made in Taiwan.

Every January, we'd use last year's calendar as toilet paper. (I'm glad those days are behind me...)

My dad used to take me to KFC to lick other people's fingers.

One day, my mum gave me a button and said: "Take that to the woman next door and see if she'll sew a shirt onto it for you..." To be

brutally honest, folks, we were so poor I didn't even have a mum. My dad used to dress up in a frock and pretend to be a woman so we wouldn't miss out.

At least that's what he told us... PS. Don't get me started on Rishi sneaking home early from Normandy. That was simply unforgivable.

My grandpa died on D-Day. He was a deckchair attendant on Omaha Beach. Poor old bugger never stood a chance.

PPS. Talking of being skint, actress Tamzin Outhwaite has denied falling on hard times after selling items at a car boot sale.

Nothing but trouble those events. Who can forget the fella from Airdrie parking his motor the wrong way round and selling his engine for 50p...?

CHRONICLES



MY FAVE FUNNY PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



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- 1 A young Rishi Sunak and his working-class friends trek 15 miles to the nearest Currys to watch Sky TV through the window.
- 2 Sometimes it kicks in when you least expect it...
- 3 In Scotland, we used to drive on the left. Now we drive on what's left.
- 4 All smiles as the guy with the longest arms in the world enters the record books.
- 5 "Please, sir, can I have more than four channels?"
- 6 How sad to see one of our heroes of the 80s living rough on the streets.
- 7 That's the last time I use a Turkish taxidermist.
- 8 The buses were all full, so he took the Tube home.



PRIZE GUY
Gordon Dalziel

Dazza rope a dope for Sean off bridge

SEEING my old pal Gordon Dalziel flying out to Germany with the Radio Clyde Superscoreboard boys reminded me of the time he told me about doing a charity bungee jump off the Forth Bridge with his old Raith Rovers team-mates.

After climbing to the top, Dazza looked down and gulped: "I don't think I've got the balls for this."

And big Shaun Dennis -

perhaps not the brightest lad in the squad - replied: "I thought they tied the rope to your feet..."

PS. My mate walked into the pub last night covered from head to toe in bandages. When I asked him what the hell happened, he said: "Bungee jumping."

I said: "Is that when they tie an elastic rope to..."

"Naw," he interrupted. "Mr Bungee arrived home early..."

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IN AMERICA, the son of the surgeon who fitted John

Wayne Bobbit, right, with a new booby after it was famously sliced off by his wife Lorena is running for office in the state of Ohio.

Wonder if he'll do a Keir Starmer and constantly remind everyone that his dad was a toolmaker...?



The feathers flying with Sparrow and my footie Birds XI

MOTHERWELL have signed a player called Tom Sparrow (he's good on both wings, apparently, and even if he's down the pecking order I think he'll be flying within weeks).

So don't be surprised if our Team of the Week on today's Off The Ball is The Birds XI.

We've undoubtedly done it before - Willie Falconer, Warren Hawke, Owl Berkovic, Goose Valgaaren and Willie Collum (who's the bastard in the black?) sound very familiar.

And it's always an open goal for anyone who wishes to have a pop at the veteran presenters.

Cowan & Cosgrove - a pair of tits.

PS. Motherwell this week signed a shirt sponsorship deal with Fire Suppression Scotland, a company based in Airdrie that specialises in the fire protection sector.

Weird, huh? I thought they'd stay well away from matches...



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REROUTED A Jet2 flight

Jet2 life ban for 'violent' passenger

BY ZAHRA KALIQ

A PASSENGER who allegedly attacked cabin crew on a flight to Tenerife has been told he might not be able to fly home.

Jay Dalziel, 19, was said to have become "immediately disruptive" on the Jet2 flight from Glasgow on June 12. Two hours after take-off it was forced to divert to Shannon, Ireland, where he was arrested.

Dalziel, of Motherwell, appeared in court charged with two "serious assaults" on passengers, where a judge told him he might be forced to take a ferry home, as airlines "may not be too keen to allow him to board a flight".

Jet2 said it had banned Dalziel for life from flying with them, and would be pursuing "all costs incurred by this diversion, which will be a five-figure sum".



SITE Close to the collision

Driver and teen die in road smash

BY NICK FORBES

A MAN and a teenager have died in a road accident in Perthshire.

The collision on the A823, near the junction with the A822 in Muthill, happened at about 9.30am yesterday and involved a silver Suzuki car and a dark-coloured Subaru.

The driver of the Suzuki, a 40-year-old man, and his passenger – an 18-year-old woman – were pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said the 40-year-old woman driving the Subaru was arrested.

Police Sergeant Steve Livesey said: "Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the deceased at this tragic time."

"We would appeal for anyone who witnessed the crash or has any dashcam footage from the area to please come forward."

BLACKMAIL AND VIOLENCE REIGN OF TERROR

SNP activist caged for six sex assaults



GUILTY
Cameron Downing preyed on victims over six years

PHOTO-OP
Downing, who worked as an SNP official, with Nicola Sturgeon

A FORMER SNP activist who tweeted how he wanted "beat the fk" out of feminists has been jailed for sexually assaulting six young men and women.**

Cameron Downing, 24, preyed on his victims at locations across Scotland over six years, beginning when he was just 16.

Downing is a former drama student and equalities convener for the SNP's London branch, who posed for pictures with former party leader Nicola Sturgeon.

The High Court in Edinburgh heard how police officers discovered Downing "repeatedly blackmailed" one of the men he preyed on.

He told his victim that if he didn't engage in sexual activity with him, he'd make an allegation to the police about how he had been raped by the man.

The witness told the court

Ex-drama student wanted to beat 'terfs and transphobes'

BY JAMES MULHOLLAND

Downing said he'd also contact his friends, family and employer and make the false rape allegation to them.

The man, now 22, gave evidence and said he felt "trapped" by Downing's threat.

Downing spent the trial denying any wrongdoing.

Downing, who told the jury in evidence he identified as non-binary, said he hadn't been threatening the male and was battling "complex" mental health issues at the time.

Jurors found Downing, of Edinburgh, guilty on charges of sexual and physical assault.

His lawyer Michael Meehan KC said his client was a first offender and asked for

Downing, whose pronouns are he and they, for bail ahead of sentencing next month.

But judge Alison Stirling remanded him in custody.

In 2022, Downing tweeted about how he wanted to "beat the f**k out of some terfs and transphobes".

He also tweeted "I f*****

“ He snarled in my face. Everything was my fault

FEMALE VICTIM TELLS JURY OF ABUSE AT PARTY

hate terfs and transphobes with such a passion."

The tweets caused Harry Potter author JK Rowling to say: "Nicola Sturgeon's Scotland – A place where an equalities officer feels free to declare in public how much he

wants to beat up non-

compliant women." Downing's comments were revealed in our sister paper the Sunday Mail after he had been elected as equalities officer for the SNP's London branch in October 2022. He later resigned from the post.

A photograph also emerged of Downing posing with former first minister Sturgeon at an SNP conference in Aberdeen.

During proceedings, jurors were played a video recording of evidence given by the 22-year-old victim who was blackmailed by Downing.

He told the court how he and Downing had consensual sex but this stopped.

The man, who can't be identified for legal reasons, told

the court Downing's reaction to this decision "terrified" him.

One female victim spoke of how Downing was a "bit of a loaded gun" who could get "personal" and "nasty".

Speaking about the abuse she suffered after a party, the witness said she remembered Downing telling her she had to take her clothes off and her dress being taken off.

She later woke up in bed and Downing came into the room and she said he "snarled in my face, everything was my fault and he had to leave now because of me".

The following day she noticed she was "covered in bruises" and said: "It was like I had been battered."

Downing will be sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh on July 16.



IT'S HARD
TO SEE
THE SCREEN
IN THE PUB

FIREBUG SCARE FOR WOMAN

A FIREBUG has been convicted after he torched a home with a woman inside.

Michal Morawski pled guilty to wilful fire-raising and danger to life at the High Court in Edinburgh on Thursday.

The 32-year-old admitted

setting fire to a property in Glover Close, Fraserburgh, last summer, early on June 27.

A 29-year-old woman was inside the property at the time of the attack.

Morawski will be back in the dock, this time at the High

Court in Glasgow, on August 7 for sentencing.

Detective Sergeant Richard Cooper of Fraserburgh CID said: "This was a hugely distressing ordeal for Morawski's victim who could have lost her life."

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ASSAULT & ABUSE COP FACES JAIL

Pervy officer preyed on three women

BY DAVID MEIKLE

A POLICE officer who subjected three women to a campaign of violence and control is facing jail.

PC Christopher Ferguson, 31, recorded one of his victims engaging in sexual activity and later refused to delete intimate images. He also begged her to have sex with men while he watched.

Another victim, an officer, was bombarded with vile text messages and criticised for being involved in a police operation at a football match.

In one text, he snarled: "Away on an operation to lift Rangers fans? F*****g horrible bitter wee c*t."



CREEPY Christopher Ferguson's abusive behaviour started when he was still at school and spanned 14 years between 2007 and 2021.

Detectives launched a probe after one woman reported him, which led officers to two other victims.

Ferguson, of Wishaw, Lanarkshire, denied any

wrongdoing and went on trial at Hamilton Sheriff Court.

He was convicted of nine charges including assault, stalking, voyeurism, breach of the peace and acting in a controlling, threatening, manipulative and abusive manner.

Police Scotland condemned him and praised the bravery of his victims.

Sheriff Linda Nicolson put Ferguson on the sex offenders register and ordered him to return to court for sentencing next month.

Prosecutors have asked for non-harassment orders to keep him away from all three women.



Nic is Efron and centre at party

SHE'S more Cuddlemann than Kidman as Nicole hugs into Zac Efron at the party for Netflix's A Family

Affair in Hollywood. The 56-year-old plays the 36-year-old's lover in the rom-com.

Three injured in car crash in Highlands

BY NEIL POORAN

THREE people have been seriously injured in a crash.

The collision involved three vehicles on the A82 near Carr's Corner, near Fort William in the Highlands, at 7pm on Thursday.

A 67-year-old man driving a Citroen was taken to Belford Hospital in Fort William, while his 52-year-old female passenger went to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness.

A 19-year-old woman driving an Audi was also taken to Belford Hospital.

The occupants of a Kia were uninjured. Police said the 42-year-old woman driving the Kia was arrested and charged.

BIGAMIST PROBED OVER MEDIC CLAIM



SERIAL WIFE Davies, aka Knight

Cops look into conwoman's false boasts to lure husbands

POLICE are probing a convicted bigamist who posed as a GP to win over her Scots husband.

They are conducting inquiries after reports that Lisa Davies – also known as Alisa Knight – included false information on a marriage certificate in 2023.

Davies has, at various times, used fake claims to be a GP, a critical care doctor, an advanced nurse practitioner, Band 8C nurse, a district nurse and a specialist in psychiatry.

She also claimed to have switched off the life support machine of her eldest daughter when she was five, despite the fact the teenager is alive and well.

According to the number of men she seduced into a series of marriages, she spun a web of lies and trail of chaos.

We previously told how Scots bus driver Peter Knight,

BY JILLY BEATTIE

63, married Lisa Jane Davies under the alias Alisa, at a ceremony in Gretna Green last year after believing she was a successful doctor.

The PSNI and Police Scotland have been co-operating with inquiries into possible offences.

The General Medical Council confirmed she has never been a doctor or licensed medic.

A spokesman said: "It is illegal to falsely use protected titles such as doctor of medicine, general practitioner, and physician."

Peter, from St Andrews, accepted Davies' proposal on Valentine's Day 2023 and the pair married last July.

But the marriage was

exposed as a sham when Peter learned she wasn't a doctor – and had a previous conviction for bigamy.

The mum of five had also gone off with another man for a non-binding marriage ceremony in Bali 18 days after she and Peter first met in September 2022.

Amazingly, Peter received a text on their big day from the family of her fifth husband.

The messages had been sent by relatives of "husband" No5. But he refused to believe it and went ahead. When he learned

Davies wasn't a doctor and had a conviction for bigamy he ended their relationship.

She had been convicted of bigamy on November 25, 2016, at Cardiff Crown Court.

“It is illegal to falsely use titles such as doctor

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HERO Charles and wife Nettie

WWI SOLDIER BURIED

A SCOTTISH First World War soldier whose remains were found in a French cave has been laid to rest with full military honours after "war detectives" identified him using a relative's DNA.

The service for Gunner Charles Lightfoot, from Edinburgh, and his comrade Sergeant John Smith, from Bristol, took place at the Vendresse British Cemetery.

They were killed in action almost 110 years ago but their

remains were not uncovered until nine years ago.

The team, working in caves near Chassemy, found an inscription on the wall, stating: "15 Sept 1914. Here lies Sgt Smith and 3 Gnrs, 29th Battery RFA."

Excavations revealed just two sets of remains. The MOD's Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre, or "MOD War Detectives", found those remains to be Sgt Smith and Gnr Lightfoot.

Schofield linked with TV return on I'm a Celebrity

PHILLIP Schofield has been in talks for a TV comeback, it has been reported.

The presenter was last month spotted dining with Declan Donnelly – fuelling speculation he might join I'm A Celebrity.

Schofield quit This Morning in May last year following his admission of an "unwise but not illegal" affair with a younger male

BY SAMANTHA MASTERS

colleague. The 62-year-old took a break but has recently made a return to social media.

A source told Bella mag: "Phillip is not the same since being away from TV. It's what he's done all his life and all he's wanted.

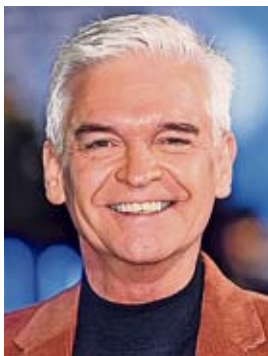
"There are whispers that Ant and Dec are eager to have him on I'm A Celeb."

Another source said:

"He's always got on well with both Ant and Dec and they have a long friendship. "They're making sure he knows they're there for him."

Insiders also suggested TV chiefs have approached Schofield about a possible return to broadcasting.

Representatives for Schofield, Ant and Dec, and I'm A Celebrity were asked to comment.



DINING OUT Schofield

FOOTIE STAR'S BECK

BY TOM BRYANT

DAVID Beckham's latest quest for a knighthood could be scuppered by a new book probing his past tax affairs.

Author Tom Bower claims the "money-obsessed" footballer routinely sought advice to legally minimise paying UK tax.

The Manchester United, Real Madrid and England star's hopes of becoming Sir David were dashed in 2014 after HMRC flagged concerns.

The book – part of a three-day serialisation from our sister paper The Mirror – comes as Beckham was unveiled last month as an ambassador to the King's Foundation, which sources said could give his knighthood credentials a boost.

He is known to covet the honour, so much so that Sir Rod Stewart took the mickey out of him at a do for the charity, saying "David, yours is coming soon."

But Bower claims Beckham was less enamoured with the UK when it came to HMRC taxing high earners 40 per cent.

The House of Beckham describes in detail how the midfielder sought to pay less UK tax, not least as he was "thrilled to be rich" and "terrified" by the prospect of having less money.

"Opportunities to legally avoid taxes abounded," Bower claims.

The author describes how a forensic accountant trawled through Beckham's accounts and was "baffled" by the complexity of their "opaque" financial set-up.

He had "effectively become a non-dom" upon his move from United to Real Madrid in 2003.

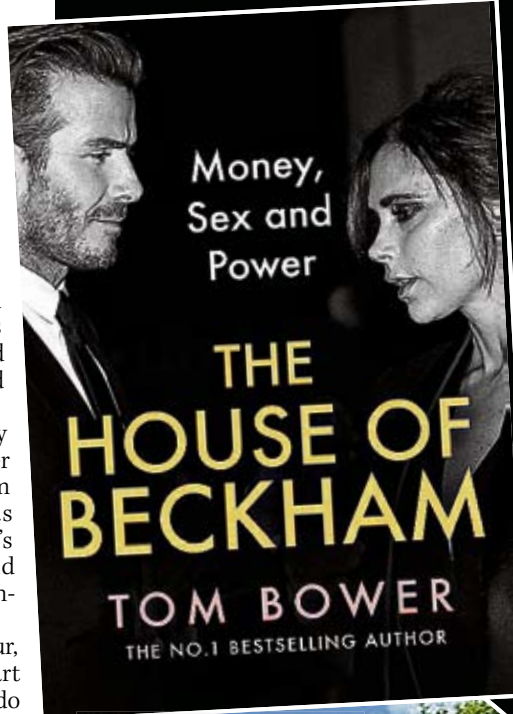
Bower claims: "Legally avoiding British taxes appealed to Beckham.

"As a non-dom in Spain, he was not paying British taxes on income earned outside Britain.

"And he was not paying National Insurance.

"The genius of it was that no one in Britain realised Beckham had become a tax exile. Instead, the public believed that he was a global success who paid his taxes in Britain.

"Partly, that was due to sightings of him in London. Legally, he could



REVVED UP Posh & Becks in one of their flash cars



REAL DEAL Becks in 2003

visit Britain 90 days a year."

Beckham is now resident in the UK for tax purposes.

According to the book, his high-profile moves abroad would often centre on what tax arrangements were in place.

"Beckham would reject the possibility of returning to the UK to play for Chelsea, would move to America rather than return to Britain," Bower claims.

"Over the rest of his career, Beckham gave the impression that playing the tax card had become nearly as important in his life as kicking the ball."

In 2014, Beckham came under fire for

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joke with Charles
at event last week

**THE HOUSE OF BECKHAM:
MONEY, SEX AND POWER**

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investing in a film financing company in the hope of securing tax relief.

Ingenious, which helped produce movies including Avatar, qualified for tax breaks designed to support the UK film industry. But HMRC said Ingenious claimed relief on artificial losses from its films as a means of avoiding tax.

Involvement in the scheme was widely reported as the reason why Beckham had so far failed to secure a knighthood.

But The House of Beckham claims that the Honours Committee was also left "puzzled" by his accounts.

Bower writes: "In Beckham's case, HMRC automatically flagged up that Beckham had legally registered as a non-dom but they were puzzled by the complexity of his companies' accounts. For the tax inspector, Beckham's audited returns did not make complete sense."

The author adds that "Beckham's aggressive self-promotion and tax avoidance through his non-dom status and the Ingenious schemes" landed badly with Bob Kerslake, a former head of the civil service and the chairman of the Honours Committee.

In particular, the "opulent" lifestyle of Beckham and his wife Victoria grated.

Bower adds: "The notion of 'Lady' Victoria irritated Kerslake.

"To make her life tolerable, Victoria had admitted that she employed five permanent staff, including a nanny, a chef and two housekeepers, plus security staff."

Beckham later described the honours committee as "unappreciative c***s" in leaked emails.

He also dismissed the possibility of a CBE, saying: "Unless it's a knighthood, f*** off." Beckham's camp said the emails were doctored.

Bower claims the Beckhams' finances were "unusually complex for a small private business owned by two individuals". Parent company Beckham Brand Holdings combined a number of associated companies and partnerships, and Beckham was a director of at least 19 companies in Britain alone.

"Over the years, the ownership of those companies and their inter-company trading had puzzled even a diligent forensic accountant about the businesses," Bower claims.

He adds: "Those internal transactions left threads that are difficult even for specialists to follow, not



LIFE OF LUXURY
Victoria
and David

least because the various companies' financial years ended at different dates."

The book claims eye-watering sums were paid to auditors, including one payment of £437,000 for a year's work for one company.

Some accounts were regularly filed months late at Companies House, incurring several fines.

The book describes an extraordinary occasion when Beckham's accountants "forgot" about taxes worth \$11.3million being withheld by the German government.

A spokeswoman for Beckham told Bower he was taxed fully on all his income earned in Spain and his income earned elsewhere in the relevant jurisdictions.

She also told the author the filing of late accounts was standard practice due to their complexity.

A source added that the Beckhams' tax affairs are in order and have been approved by HMRC.

“
Playing the tax card had become nearly as important in his life as football

TOM BOWER IN HIS BOOK, THE HOUSE OF BECKHAM



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RAVE REVIEWS Rooney

Singer Daniel revisits Take That break

BY DAVID MEIKLE

A SINGER who was plucked from a hotel bar to support Take That has retraced the steps of his amazing story in a new music video.

Daniel Rooney, 26, opened for Gary Barlow's band after Olly Murs called off.

He was performing at the Radisson Red hotel in Glasgow when showbiz presenter Ross King asked if he could ditch his gig with just 30 minutes' notice to be the warm-up act.

He has now released a single, Old Ways, with a video that shows him returning to the hotel where he was discovered and to the OVO Hydro where he performed.

Daniel said: "This is a big moment. It's amazing to see the whole journey retold on screen."



EXCITED Adrian Dunbar

Line of Duty stars want show return

BY HANNAH ROBERTS

LINE OF Duty actor Adrian Dunbar has said the cast "all want" to see the return of the show.

Dunbar, 65, played Superintendent Ted Hastings in the BBC series.

The sixth season of the police drama, which aired in 2021, was a ratings success, with its dramatic finale revealing the identity of the corrupt officer H.

Speaking about filming in his home country of Northern Ireland, the actor said: "It was fantastic to go back to Belfast."

"It was great bringing Vicky (McClure) and Martin (Compston) over there to show them around."

"And we had some great times in the city, and we will hopefully, who knows, maybe have some great times again. We all want it to happen."

GILLAN WANTS PERMANENT ROLE ON SHOW

COME ON SIMPSONS, CALL ME



LAUGHS
Karen was the voice of Willie's lover Maisie, left, in the hit show

Actress Karen reveals joy of her Scots role in iconic series

BY STUART MACDONALD

KAREN Gillan has revealed she wants a permanent role on The Simpsons after guest starring as Groundskeeper Willie's love interest.

The actress, from Inverness, voiced the part of the school caretaker's Scottish girlfriend Maisie in the legendary animated series.

The episode last year called Ae Bonny Romance saw The Simpsons swap Springfield for Scotland after Willie returned to his homeland.

It ended with Maisie marrying Groundskeeper Willie at a ceremony in Edinburgh and Hollywood star Karen, 36, is hoping that could lead to a recurring role in the show which will allow her to use her own accent.

Speaking to film website Movieweb, she said: "I'm always bloody American now. I need to have something written in a Scottish accent."

"I actually played Groundskeeper Willie's girlfriend in The Simpsons and I got to use my Scottish accent. That was a bucket list check."

"It would be so cool if it became recurring. Come on Simpsons, call me." The

Simpsons introduced the word "bawbag" to American audiences as they made fun of Scottish culture in the episode.

In one scene, where Karen's character is asking Willie for a kiss, she says: "Give us a smooch ya big ugly bawbag."

Homer, Marge, Bart and Lisa arrived at Edinburgh Airport in a plane emblazoned with the logo "Planespotting Airlines" which featured a cartoon version of Trainspotting hardman Begbie.

The episode saw Lisa take aim at the pretentiousness of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival as she went on a tour of the city.

Karen shot to fame when she landed the part of Doctor Who's assistant Amy Pond in 2010 after dropping out of drama school.

After appearing in three series of the long-running sci-fi hit, she left in 2013 and moved to the US to pursue a career in Hollywood.

She is now one of the most-sought after names in the film industry having starred in hit movies such as Avengers: Infinity War, Guardians of the Galaxy and Jumanji.

In 2022, the actress married US comedy writer Nick Kocher at Castle Toward, near Dunoon, Argyll.

“It would be so cool if it became a recurring role for me

KAREN GILLAN ON HER SIMPSONS DREAM

Woman, 60, injured after lorry horror

A WOMAN was rushed to hospital after being hit by a lorry.

The 60-year-old was struck by the vehicle on Maryhill Road in Glasgow at 10.25am yesterday.

A Police Scotland spokeswoman said: "We were call to reports of a collision. Emergency services attended and the pedestrian, a 60-year-old woman, was taken to hospital for treatment. Our enquiries are ongoing."

DAMAGES FOR SAINTS SUPPORTERS ON BUS

£100k AWARD FOR CRASH BLAZE FANS



TRAUMATISED Chris Mitchell with his son Lewis who he helped escape the blazing bus

Stagecoach admits liability for fire

BY EVE BEATTIE

A GROUP of St Johnstone fans have been awarded a collective £100,000 payout after a supporters' bus burst into flames.

Five people were rushed to hospital following the terrifying blaze on the A9 near Auchterarder, Perthshire, in November 2021.

Nine fans suffered injuries ranging from broken bones, fractures, cuts and bruises and PTSD.

The coach-load of about 70 supporters were on their way back to Perth from a league cup match at Hampden in Glasgow.

Lawyers acting for the fans revealed Stagecoach had admitted liability.

Robert Kernaghan, partner at Digby Brown solicitors, said: "When you view the images of the bus fire, it really is remarkable that more people were not injured by this harrowing and completely avoidable accident."

"We acted for a total of nine fans affected by this incident, many of whom will continue to be affected long into the future, and we are pleased to help them secure rightful damages so they may access the kind of support they deserve."

"I would like to acknowledge the



INFERNO Coach in flames

response of Stagecoach because by swiftly admitting liability, the coach firm helped prevent victims from suffering any further."

Chris Mitchell and his son escaped via a smashed window. Chris broke his heel when he leapt to safety, seconds after lowering his son Lewis, then 14, out of the vehicle. The dad was diagnosed with PTSD following his ordeal.

He urged the Scottish Government to launch a probe to ensure Stagecoach buses are safe.

A spokesman for Stagecoach East Scotland said: "Safety is our absolute priority and our thoughts are with those injured in this incident."

"A full and thorough investigation has been carried out and we are pleased to have settled the claims of those affected."

"I lowered my son down from bus. It was horrendous"

DAD CHRIS MITCHELL ON HARROWING ORDEAL

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From 29 June to 11 August the exclusive 'How to Train Your Velociraptor' free show will take place daily at 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.30pm and 5pm.

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Soft Play. There are also many food outlets to enjoy, from snacks to restaurant meals, including the award winning American themed diner Monterey Jack's.

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M&D's has also teamed up with First Bus to provide two unique bus services to the Theme Park this summer. From 29 June until 13 August the X7 Express Bus Service will run from Buchanan Bus Station from just £8.00 for an adult and £6.00 for a child which also includes a £4 discount off a Theme Park wristband or a game of golf at Devil's Island Adventure Golf.

Lanarkshire residents can also take advantage of a new First Bus Service 247 route to the Theme Park which will pick up at various points including Hamilton Bus Station, Motherwell and Bellshill. Time-table, routes and fares for both services can be found at www.scotlandsthemepark.com/x7-first-bus.

SCISSOR ATTACKER JAILED

A VIOLENT thug who stabbed his girlfriend with scissors was yesterday jailed for 22 months.

Nassin Boutouban, 24, also threatend the woman with a knife at her home in Bellshill, Lanarkshire.

The brute, from Govan,

BY RECORD REPORTER

Glasgow, admitted at Hamilton Sheriff Court to assaulting the victim on August 20 and 21 last year.

He also admitted possession of a knife at Holiday Inn Express in

Strathclyde Park, Lanarkshire, after the attack. Sheriff Colin Dunipace told him: "You have an appalling record for a young man."

"This must have been a terrifying experience for the complainer."



BATTLE By 999 crews

House fire claims the life of OAP

BY NICK FORBES

A MAN has died in a house fire, police have confirmed.

The fire service was called to a two-storey property in Leven, Fife, shortly before 8.15pm on Thursday.

Three fire appliances attended. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service area commander David Dourley said: "Unfortunately, one male was pronounced dead at the scene.

"Our thoughts are very much with family, friends and the wider community at this difficult time."

A police spokeswoman said: "A 77-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene.

"There would not appear to be any suspicious circumstances surrounding the fire. A report will be forwarded to the Procurator Fiscal."



RETRO In its 1993 wrapping

Cadbury hits Top Deck for 200th party

BY SERENA RICHARDS

CADBURY is relaunching the Top Deck bar for its 200th anniversary.

First on the shelves in 1993, it features a layer of white chocolate on a milk chocolate base.

It was axed in the early 2000s but will be back for a limited time, first at Tesco then across the UK.

The 110g bars will come in their original packaging and be priced at £1.85.

Cadbury owner Mondelez International said: "We're delighted to be answering Cadbury fans' requests and relaunching Cadbury Top Deck in the UK as part of our 200-year anniversary celebrations."

It follows the announcement of Cadbury's partnership with Lotus Bakeries, where a range of Biscoff-branded chocolates will launch from early 2025.

RELENTLESS

Israel attacks on Gaza raze homes



BY CHRIS HUGHES

A FAMILY flees the rubble of their home yesterday after Israeli forces again pounded the Gaza Strip.

A woman and two men were seen climbing out of the Abu Aisha family home in the city of Deir al Balah, with a search of the ruins following.

IDF helicopter gunships and warplanes also carried out attacks on the city of Rafah and street battles raged there.

Israeli infantry troops stormed a Rafah apartment hunting for Hamas operatives.

The IDF said: "Troops eliminated a number of terrorists and located large quantities of weapons and underground tunnel shafts.

"A number of explosive devices, as well as Hamas terrorist infrastructure sites, were located and destroyed by IDF ground troops.

"In one incident, a terrorist that was identified approaching IDF troops was eliminated in an aerial strike."

Combat in the Palestinian strip is intense. Cross-border attacks between Israeli troops and Hezbollah have broken out and escalated in the past three days.



HIT Smoke rises after strike in Deir al Balah

More than 40 rockets were fired into Israel yesterday.

There were reports Hezbollah fired hundreds of weapons, at both civilian and military targets.

Two Lebanese women were killed in an Israeli strike on a building in Tyre, southern Lebanon, which also injured 14.

Sources say Lebanese group Hezbollah is beginning to use more sophisticated missiles on northern Israel.

It is feared all-out war could soon break out between them, for the first time since Israel invaded its neighbour in 2006, sparking a month-long ground war.

A security source said: "Hezbollah are escalating their attacks.

"Their Iranian sponsors will not want them to trigger a much bigger conflict since they want to keep their proxy Hezbollah force in reserve for the future.

"This is Tehran's biggest external asset as it wants to use Hezbollah as leverage over Israel, particularly to respond if Israel attacks its nuclear programme again.

"Israel's war cabinet wants to stabilise the situation in Gaza before turning its full attention towards Hezbollah, but it may soon have no choice."

The Gaza war was sparked by Hamas killing 1200 after breaking through into Israel on October 7. Palestinian authorities claim more than 37,000 Gazans have been killed by Israel's response so far.

Many of those killed were women and children. The United Nations has accused both sides of war crimes.

40

Minimum number of rockets reportedly fired into Israel yesterday



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DAWN ROLE'S



DRAMATIC
Jay and Olivia
film a scene with
baby Malachi

BY SANJEETA BAINS

IT'S a traumatic time for Dawn Fletcher in the Dales. Emmerdale viewers have seen the devoted mum of three dealing with the horrific news that baby Evan has leukaemia.

The storyline has been praised by charities and real-life families.

But for Olivia Bromley, who plays Dawn, it's had another effect – it's made her broody. The actress, 28, has yet to have a family of her own but says all the time she spends with her three on-screen children, secretly makes her feel like a real mum anyway.

"I do feel like a mum! Especially with 'my' youngest – Malachi [McKenzie] who plays baby Evan," she said.

Dawn's older children Lucas and Clemmie are played by child stars Noah Ryan Aspinall, eight, and Mabel Addison, 11, and they are so fond of Olivia they bring her in homemade presents and artwork.

"My fridge [at home] is covered with cards, drawings and beads Noah and Mabel have made for me," she added. "It's really sweet."

"And [Malachi] is just so cute. I find it so emotional working with the real baby and seeing him in the hospital."

Olivia's in a relationship, but likes to keep her real-life partner firmly out of the spotlight. However she herself loves the spotlight – when it's shining on her during a gig that is.

For Olivia, who joined the soap in 2018, is not just content with a cheeky pint at The Woolpack after a long day filming. She prefers to let loose in a jamming session with Emmerdale's very own band.

"It's a real laugh," said Olivia. "Lots of cast members get involved, people dip in and out when they can to keep it going, so there's a good group spirit."

The band often plays at charity gigs, specialising in cover songs with a rock'n'roll spirit. "There are a lot of people in the cast who are musical – vocalists or instrumentalists," said

"lead vocalist" Olivia. "And sometimes we also have Dean Andrews, who plays my dad and is a fantastic singer. We're like the Von Trapps."

Dean, 60, who plays Will Taylor, is a professional singer who has spent most of his life working in clubs and on cruise ships. Also in the band is Bradley Johnson (Vinny Dingle), Lawrence Robb (MacKenzie Boyd) and Katie Hill (Sarah Sugden).

Dominic Brunt, who plays Paddy, occasionally makes a guest appearance on the mandolin and bass.

Other singers include Amy Walsh, who plays Tracy Metcalfe and is also

the younger sister of Girls Aloud's Kimberley, and Tony Audenshaw, who plays B&B owner Bob Hope.

However, Olivia's musical career is not limited to the Emmerdale band. She also has her own five-piece "relaxed guitar and chilled" band, Damsen.

They have released tracks available to download.

As well as making music together, the Emmerdale cast are so tight-knit they like to work out together too.

Olivia reveals that after working long, sometimes 18-hour days, the cast often find relief by hitting the gym for HIIT classes – which are really short, sharp bursts of exercise. "Me, Natalie [Amy Wyatt] and Amy [Tracy Metcalfe] find it a good way of getting out the tension and stress when we're really busy at work," said Olivia.

"There is a little team of people from Emmerdale who will go to the classes with us."

"It's quite intense but it is quite fun to go all together."

She added: "A lot of us have moved for this job so we hang out more than maybe other soap members do. And living in Yorkshire is lovely."

The Emmerdale studios are in Leeds city centre but The Woolpack pub and exterior shots are filmed on



CLOSE With Noah, above, & with Mabel and Jay, below



The 'we are like a family' line is cheesy but true

OLIVIA BROMLEY ON THE EMMERDALE CAST

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EFFECT ON STAR OLIVIA

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Olivia, who plays mum Dawn Taylor



My fridge at home is covered with cards, drawings and beads they have made for me

OLIVIA BROMLEY ON NOAH AND MABEL, HER ON-SCREEN KIDS



ON STAGE Olivia, centre, in the Emmerdale cast band

a purpose-made set on the Harewood House country estate north of the city. "We're lucky to have that countryside element – seeing deer and pheasants at work," added Olivia.

It's a far cry from where she grew up. Born in south Manchester, Olivia grew up loving performing, but never thought she would get her big break. "Nobody in my family was in the acting industry or knew anyone like that so it sounded like a mad thing to my parents," she says.

She studied music at Bristol University before attending the

Oxford School of Drama. "After graduating I moved to London and did a lot of fringe theatre as well as working in the city," she said.

"I was actually working at a stockbrokers as a desk secretary when I got the Emmerdale job.

"A lot of people I worked with were Emmerdale fans so they were shocked when they saw me on screen."

If Olivia thought she would have time to settle in to her first TV acting role, she was wrong.

The storylines have been coming thick and fast for Dawn and her

on-screen husband Billy, played by dad-of-three Jay Kontzle.

In 2022, they had perhaps the worst wedding day in soapland history – which is saying something – when Dawn was kidnapped by serial killer "Mad" Meena Jutla (Paige Sandhu).

Dawn's also been reunited with a long-lost mum, Rose Jackson (Christine Tremarco), who abandoned her as a child but viewers are aware has a secret agenda.

She says working with Jay has been great fun... most of the time. "We have a brother and sister relationship – we

bicker a lot," said Olivia. "But we do many scenes together and work well as a team."

The pair's bond was put to the test with the latest harrowing storyline.

They went together to speak to real-life parents who have children with leukaemia to make sure they got the important storyline right.

"We just really want to do it justice for the parents who are really going through this," said Olivia.

"I've not got children, but I find it so emotional."

Fortunately the cast all have each

other to lean on during such gruelling plots. "Ash lives close by.

"So does Amy Walsh. So we see each other quite a bit," Olivia said. "And I'm close to Dean – my on-screen dad."

"The 'we are like a family line' is cheesy but true," Olivia added. "It's why people join Emmerdale and then never want to leave!" When I first joined I never imagined I'd still be here seven years later."

Or that she'd be a mum of three, no doubt. Even if it is just in work hours.

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E.COLI SURGE IS TRACED TO SANDWICHES

Pieces recalled and cleared from shops' shelves

BY JOHN-PAUL CLARK

SUPERMARKET sandwiches have been linked to an e.coli outbreak which infected more than 200 people.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) confirmed yesterday that snacks made by Greencore and Samworth Brothers were being recalled.

They supply Aldi, Asda, Co-op and Morrisons.

The UKSHA said there have been 211 cases to date in the UK, with 35 in Scotland, and 42 per cent of those infected were admitted to hospital.

Food Standards Scotland has joined the UKHSA in



launching a probe into the outbreak to help identify foods commonly consumed by people who have tested positive.

A product recall notice has been enforced on

Greencore and Samworth Brothers sandwiches, wraps, subs and rolls as a precautionary measure.

Darren Whitby, head of incidents at the FSA, said:

"This is a complex investigation, and we have worked swiftly with the relevant businesses and the local authorities concerned to narrow down the wide range of foods consumed to a small number of salad leaf products that have been used in sandwiches and wraps."

Trish Mannes, incident

director at UKHSA, said: "We would like to thank all the cases who have provided information that has enabled us, through epidemiological analysis of questionnaire data and food tracing investigations, to narrow down the likely food product."

"Symptoms of infections include severe and sometimes bloody diarrhoea, stomach cramps, vomiting and fever. If you are unwell, have eaten salad leaves recently and are concerned about any symptoms, follow nhs.uk guidance on when to seek help and the steps you can take to avoid further spread."

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DONE IT Geoff Holt

Paralysed man finishes sea mission

BY MARTIN FRICKER

A QUADRIPLÉGIC man has completed a record-breaking trip around the UK by boat.

Adventurer Geoff Holt and his small crew raised nearly £80,000 while covering nearly 2000 miles in four weeks.

The journey took in 19 ports from Dover to Inverness. Geoff said: We had dolphins and whales. It was just beautiful."

The dad of one, 58, from Portsmouth, was 19 when he was paralysed from the chest down in a swimming accident.

The feat will pay for more boats for the Wetwheels Foundation, which gives boating experiences to people with disabilities.

Geoff said: "Everything I've ever done revolves around sailing and boating, but there were people being excluded."



VICTIMS James and William Para in court over Bloody Sunday dead

BY DAVID YOUNG

A FORMER paratrooper has appeared in court accused of two murders on Bloody Sunday.

The man, known only as Soldier F, is accused of murdering James Wray, 22, and William McKinney, 26.

He is also charged with five attempted murders.

Relatives of victims packed the public gallery at Belfast Crown Court as Soldier F appeared for the first time since he was charged in 2019.

Representing Soldier F, Mark Mulholland KC argued that there was an "insufficiency of evidence" against his client.

A date for the trial is yet to be fixed. British soldiers shot 26 unarmed protesters in Derry, Northern Ireland, on Sunday, January 30, 1972, killing 13 of them.

No regret over what mum did..

Shania Twain tells of trauma of bar gigs at age of 8

Stage fright lasted decades, but she's Glastonbury ready



HIDDEN TALENT She dreamed of writing



UNHAPPY TIMES With mum and stepdad



AT HOME AT LAST Happily on stage last year at O2, in London



OPENING UP On O'Leary's Reel Stories

BY NICOLA METHVEN
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SHANIA Twain has told how she would get out of bed to sing for drunk men in bars as a kid - because it made her mum happy.

But despite it leaving her with stage fright for decades, the Canadian star insists: "I don't regret what she did."

Only when her career was left hanging by a thread by tick-borne Lyme disease did she overcome her fears.

Shania, birth name Eileen Edwards, who will make her Glastonbury debut this summer, first sang to make "a few bucks" for the family.

Aged eight she would wake up at midnight to head out and do a set.

"I didn't enjoy it. I didn't love stinky, smoky bar rooms with drunk men fighting," she tells Dermot O'Leary's Reel Stories.

She adds: "It did make

COUNTRY STYLE Shania in cowboy hat

me really hate being in the spotlight. I had stage fright for a very long time."

But speaking of her mum, Sharon - who was a victim of domestic violence at the hands her stepdad Jerry - Shania says: "My music made her happy."

"[Her] plan was I'd be the next Tanya Tucker. I didn't want to do it. I'm petrified. But my mother was like, 'This is the

only way you're going to get anywhere.'" Shania, 58, explains that the money was vital to the family as "we were hungry".

And while she was "obsessed" with music, she says she wanted to solely be a songwriter to escape her "crappy life."

But destiny intervened after she left home, when her parents died in a car

crash and Shania, then 22, returned to Toronto to help care for her siblings. It was during this period, when she was singing at a holiday resort, that she was spotted and secured a record deal.

She would go on to sell 100million records, making her the best-selling female country artist in history.

But it was her decade-long recovery from Lyme disease, which she caught in 2003, that broke the stage-fright spell as "gratitude took over".

"I thought, 'That's it, I'm never going to be able to sing again,'" she admits.

"When I did get the voice back, the other fears seemed so much smaller."

And it means Shania cannot wait to perform in the legends slot on Glastonbury's pyramid stage, doing "the songs everybody knows". She says: "It's going to be a big singalong party."

■ Reel Stories is on BBC2 next Saturday at 9.20pm.

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POLICE SHOOT KILLER GATOR

Body cam footage of predator that ate woman

A BLOATED 14ft alligator is scrutinised after being captured and shot dead having eaten a woman.

The images form part of newly-released police body camera footage that also shows the moment the vicious animal was killed by an officer.

The predator was shot with a rifle moments after someone shouts: "Watch them." It is unclear what this warning was about.

The gator killed mum Sabrina Peckham, 41, in September.

She was homeless and was living at a makeshift camp near a canal in

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

Largo, Florida. A local, Jamarcus Bullard, alerted emergency services about the gator after spotting a gruesome sight.

He said: "I noticed it had a body in its mouth, like a lower torso."

"Once I saw that I ran straight to the fire department and got them."

After the alligator was shot dead, officials cut it open and found Sabrina's body parts inside.

Her family said the creature may have struck when Sabrina was close to the water in the dark.

Her daughter Breauna Dorris said: "God called her home sooner than our hearts were ready."



MOTHER
Sabrina
alongside
Breauna

GIANT Huge
alligator after
being shot



ADVERTISING FEATURE

'I found the dad who I never even knew existed'

A DNA test helped Luke Oliveira-Davies uncover an extraordinary family secret, setting him on an emotional journey to discover his true identity



FAMILY TIES
Luke as a
young boy
with mum Liz



DAD'S THE WORD
Carlos and Luke
have built a good
relationship

This year's Father's Day will be very special for Luke Oliveira-Davies. Luke, 32, will be marking it not only with the man he has called "Dad" all his life, but also the biological father he never knew about until just four years ago.

Curious about his family history, in November 2019 Luke, from Rochdale, took an AncestryDNA test.

The results came as a shock: they showed he was 32.5% Iberian, 22.5% West African, and just 23% English. And when he showed them to his mum, Liz, he was in for an even bigger shock.

"I knew Mum had something important to say," Luke says. "She immediately stopped looking at me."

Liz revealed that her husband, Gary - the man Luke knew as "Dad" - was not actually his father. Luke had been conceived during a holiday romance with a bartender in Portugal, shortly before she began dating Gary.

Unsure which of the two men was the father, Liz went ahead with the pregnancy, only learning the truth when Luke was born. Fearing what it might mean for her burgeoning relationship with Gary, she chose to keep it a secret.

"I needed to make sense of it all," says Luke. "I wanted to find my father, but all I had was his name, Carlos, and that he'd worked in a bar in Albufeira."

Luke travelled to Portugal and found the bar, where the owner told him Carlos was now living in London. With the help of genealogists, Carlos was located and agreed to a DNA test. The result proved that they were father and son.

The pair enjoyed an emotional meeting, and have stayed in contact. They plan to have dinner together to celebrate this year's Father's Day.

Luke was also matched with a cousin, Renato; they shared a grandfather, João, who was in Guinea-Bissau when Carlos was conceived.

"Knowing about all this has changed how I feel about myself," Luke explains. "Building a relationship with Carlos and learning about my grandparents has given me power in my own identity. I'm proud to talk about being mixed race."

"But Gary will always be my dad, and this has brought us closer as a family - they have been a part of my journey. I've been able to explore this new dynamic with Carlos, but my parents are always the ones I go home to."

Knowing this has given me power in my own identity

LUKE OLIVEIRA-DAVIES



BLOOD BROTHERS
Luke with (from left)
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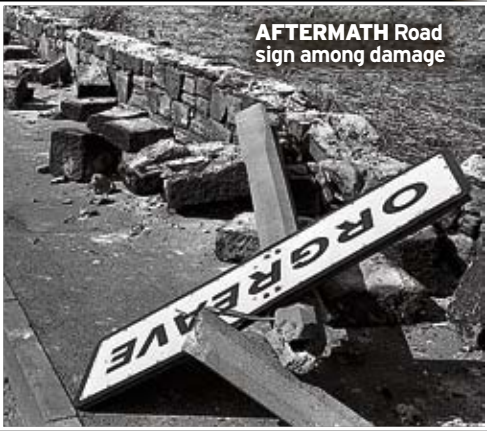
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ORGREAVE 40 YEARS



AFTERMATH Road sign among damage

BY LUCY THORNTON

THE Battle of Orgreave was one of the bloodiest clashes in the history of industrial disputes, and while 40 years may have passed since striking miners were savagely battered by an army of police, their wounds remain wide open.

Many have been left mentally scarred by the traumatic events of June 18, 1984, when a peaceful picket turned into a bloodbath.

And those who were on the receiving end of the police brutality remember their horrific experiences like it was yesterday.

It was a beautiful day, three months into the strike, when pickets answered a call to attend Orgreave coking works near Sheffield, hoping to stop steel production and put pressure on the Tory government.

Miners, who have spent years trying to get an inquiry into the pitched battles which left more than 100 pickets and police injured, believe they had walked into a trap set by senior officers and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet in a bid to force them to break the strike.

Around 5000 of them faced 6000 officers, many in riot gear, and there were 95 arrests.

Former pickets opened up about their ordeals as they prepared for a rally today in Sheffield, organised by Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign.

One, Patrick McCarroll, 62, said of the rampaging police: "It was like they wanted to kill us, honestly that's the feeling.

"I can still hear the hoofs. I escaped but I could see people injured big time. Every second person you saw had a burst head."

Patrick also told how he heard one of the police bosses shouting: "Bodies not heads."

Kevin Horne, 75, added: "We had to run for our lives back through the field, chased by a great big horse and a man on it with a great big stick. It didn't do to get caught.

"I hope that we don't go to our graves without getting justice because a lot of the men have already died."

Ian Mitchell, 66, who lived in Rotherham at the time of the battle, said: "It was like Northern Ireland without the guns.

"I saw things that day that still live with me... the brutality of the police.

"We were portrayed as the bad guys and accused of rioting. The only rioters were the police. You got the impression they just wanted to do us in.

"You had huge lines of police, with long shields, short shields, coppers in helmets and in face visors, you had horses and dogs.

"I was 26. I was in trainers, a pair of jeans and a T-shirt.

"Then the police charge came and the horses and that's when it got really scary. I was chased across a main railway line which had intercity trains running along it.

"There were hundreds of us being chased. I still to this day wonder how



It was
Wanted
Miners look back at day



BRUTAL Wounded miner

nobody died. They called us the 'enemy within' when we were just fighting for the right to work."

A new film STRIKE: An Uncivil War has been released describing how, in January 1983, there was a party in the Home Office with senior police to mark a "public order manual" to create a new paramilitary police force.

Thatcher is said to have wanted revenge for the strikes of 1972 and 1974 which brought down PM Edward Heath. Ian added: "It weighed on them like a nightmare. That's why Orgreave was so brutal."

The miners also told how in the months before the battle, they stopped from travelling on that fateful day, police gathered near the plant.

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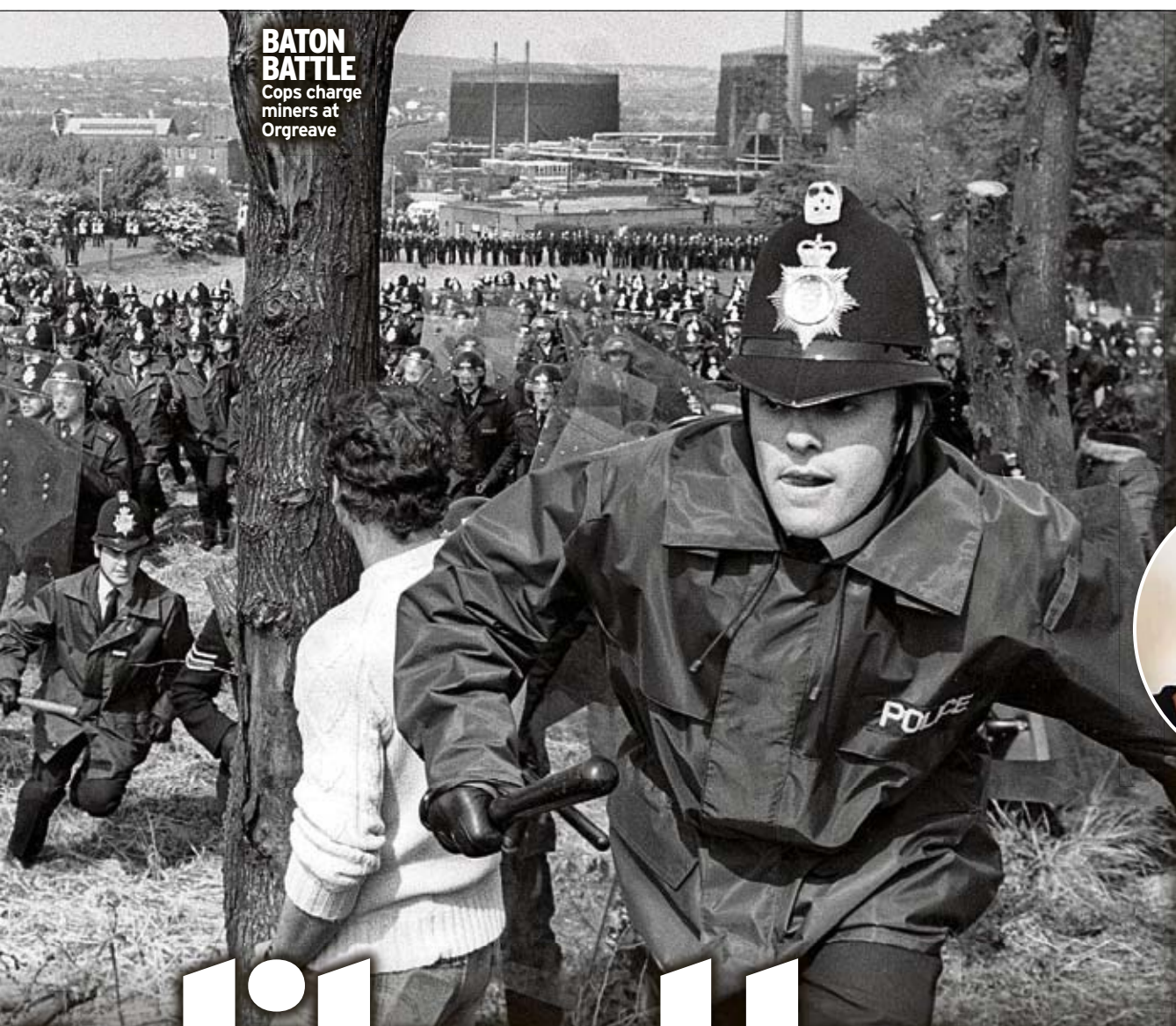
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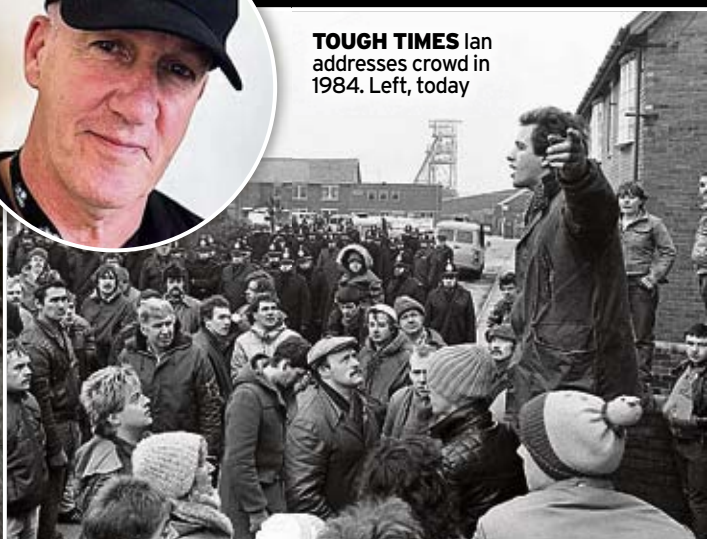
BATON BATTLE
Cops charge miners at Orgreave



HARDLINE Riot officers on horseback tackle pickets



TOUGH TIMES Ian addresses crowd in 1984. Left, today



REVISITING HELL
Kevin at memorial to mine workers



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jumpers and T-shirts to bandage lads in the compound. A lot had been beaten, especially around the head. There were other injuries too, broken limbs."

Kevin added: "It wasn't until the solicitors arrived that these lads got any medical treatment or got to hospital. The longer it goes on and the longer I hear other people's stories, I think, 'Did this happen in my lifetime?'"

"I just want it all to come out not just about Orgreave but all the other tricks, the road blocks, the false imprisonment and the police invading our villages after Orgreave. It was like being under siege."

Andrew Watson, 58, from Scotland, was the youngest miner sacked during the strike

at 19. He said: "We were fighting for our communities and our jobs."

"It was extremely hard mentally as a teenager. One of my close friends who was just a year older than me didn't last many years. He committed suicide. We need a full inquiry into the strike. My wounds have never healed."

Bruce Wilson, 69, from Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, was a flying picket at Orgreave. He said: "It was like war time."

"Our phones were tapped and police were parked watching miners' welfare clubs."

"What I saw at Orgreave was so brutal. It was horrendous."

"I saw them knock seven bells out of



ORDEAL Bruce Wilson

miners with their truncheons. They [the police] could do what they wanted and get away with it."

Bruce told how he fled down an alley where he met another young miner. He added: "An officer on a horse stopped and shouted, 'Come on lads, let's have you out, nowt's going to happen.'"

Bruce warned the young man not to trust the police but he stepped out.

He said: "He was whacked at full force on the top of his head and collapsed to the ground like a stone. There was blood everywhere. That day it came very close to death."

Grandad Jim Tierney, 68, from Sauchie in Clackmannanshire, told how in 2022 miners

in Scotland were pardoned for certain criminal records relating to the strike, which lasted almost a year.

He said: "We would like an inquiry into Orgreave, we've always known it was a fit-up. It's important those miners in England and Wales get pardoned too."

"People were traumatised after being arrested and being put in jail." The cases against the men held eventually collapsed.

Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign secretary Kate Flannery said the group is demanding an inquiry to shine "a light on the lies and cover-ups".

This week they were given hope when the Labour Party manifesto included a commitment to an investigation or probe into the shocking events of 40 years ago.

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What's included?

- Coach travel with reserved seating
- Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Leonardo Hotel, Liverpool
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- Free time to enjoy the seaside resort of Eastbourne
- Excursion to Rye's Thursday Market and Hastings
- Excursion to Worthing and pretty Arundel.

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Sun 4, 25 August	£439 W		

What's included?

- Coach travel with reserved seating
- Six nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Grand Hotel, Scarborough
- Entertainment on some evenings
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What's included?

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- Free time to explore the many attractions of Belfast.

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Galway, Connemara & Fjord Cruise 5 DAYS			
Mon 1 July	£499 W	Mon 30 September	£459 W/E
Mon 2 September	£499 W	Mon 7 October	£429 W

What's included?

- Coach travel with reserved seating
- Four nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar
- Evening entertainment
- Free time to enjoy the surroundings of Castlebar
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Mon 30 September	£449 W/E		

What's included?

- Coach travel with reserved seating
- Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny
- Evening entertainment
- Free time to enjoy the delights of Letterkenny
- Excursion to explore the charm of popular Donegal
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CLOSE TO THE EDGE

Rock 'n' roll, rattlesnakes and Joshua trees. **Marion McMullen** embarks on a great American road trip

THE stark, alien-looking Joshua trees on the artwork of U2's classic album left a lasting impression on me from the moment I first saw them. The black and white photos looked like the Irish band had landed on another planet and I longed to have my own close encounter with the strange trees one day.

Jump forward 37 years since the album came out and I finally found myself in the Mojave Desert at the Joshua Tree National Park, encircled by nearly 800,000 acres dominated by the haunting trees.

Surrounded by granite monoliths, and eye-catching rock and boulder formations, I could see mile after mile of Joshua trees, each one casting its own distinctive shadow on the landscape. All it needed was Bono, The Edge and co to turn up to provide a quick burst of With Or Without You or I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For. It's no surprise the Joshua tree proved so inspiring.

The Bungalows at Retreat by Homestead Modern (retreat.homesteadmodern.com) are situated on the grounds of the Joshua

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LANDMARK
U2's Joshua Tree album

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Joshua Tree National Park

Cruise news

BY **NIGEL THOMPSON**

HOWZAT for a cruise? Ambassador has padded up for a winter no-fly sailing that will bring back the summer joy of leather on willow.

Ambition slips her moorings at Tilbury, Essex, on December 12 for a seven-night Cricketing Legends trip featuring former Essex and England captain, Graham Gooch,

ex-Surrey, Essex and England all-rounder Alex Tudor as well as Test Match Special hosts Jonathan Agnew and Henry Blofeld.

The itinerary covers Amsterdam, Antwerp and Honfleur, with Rouen as the final leg before heading back to Tilbury, with talks, quizzes, Q&As and extras from the cricketing guests.

Fares from £611 per person, with a second passenger an appealing half-price if booking before July 10. ambassadorcruiseline.com

BIG DEAL

World War I battlefields from £549pp: Depart by coach from points across England and Wales on May 16, 2025, for a four-day escorted tour to sights including Passchendaele and Flanders Fields Museum. Stay in Ypres near Menin Gate. legerbattlefields.co.uk

Air update

BY **VICKY LISSAMAN**

AS IT gears up to celebrate its Ruby Anniversary, Virgin Atlantic has announced its return to Canada - its first route there in more than a decade.

Direct daily flights will link London Heathrow with Toronto from March 30. Fares start at £490.

■ Holidaymakers will be able to take off to Tenerife from London Southend from

next May with the launch of a new route by easyJet.

Package deals from Southend to the largest Canary Island are also now on sale with easyJet holidays.

Marc Taylor, acting CEO for London Southend Airport, said: "Tenerife has been in very high demand across our 8.2m catchment. There are six trains every hour from central London to Southend Airport Station and we offer budget-friendly holidays to more than 15 sought-after locations in Europe."

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FOR TRAVELLERS WITH DISABILITIES
BY VICKY LISSAMAN

WARNER Bros Studio Tour London: The Making of Harry Potter is sponsoring three guide dog puppies-in-training as part of a year-long partnership with the charity Guide Dogs.

Named after the leading characters in the film series – Harry, Ron and Hermione – the studio tour’s contribution will provide vital support for the dogs.

The tour has welcomed guide and assistance dogs since it opened in 2012, with policies and guides in place to support those



with sight loss or visual impairment, such as audio descriptive tours.

Through the partnership, further changes have been made to enhance the visitor experience including a dedicated doggy toilet area outside. The tour is also planning signage iPads which can be held over signs and descriptions to magnify them. wbstudiotour.co.uk/guide-dogs

Buy of the week

BY NIGEL THOMPSON

ONE of the many deeply annoying impacts of Brexit was the widespread loss of free EU roaming on our phones. However, new deals emerge all the time.

For example, iD Mobile, which piggybacks on Three’s 5G network, offers UK monthly allowances of minutes, text and data (up to 30GB) in 50 destinations in Europe and beyond. Its 12-month SIM-only deal for 45GB data and unlimited minutes and texts for £8 with the roaming freebie looks a steal to us. idmobile.co.uk



TRAVEL



TREE ROUTES
Marion's Californian road trip



ON THE TRAIL
Red Jeep Tour



LARGER THAN LIFE
Breceda's sculptures



DESERT VIEW
Homestead bungalow

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Tree Retreat Centre and it has been called one of the top hotels in the world.

They have no televisions because the glass walls open out on spectacular views that rival any TV soap or drama. The bungalows cost from around £158 a night and you can simply sit back and relax and watch the sun rise or set. There’s even a handy pair of binoculars so you can look out for local wildlife, such as roadrunners.

It’s also worth fitting in a meal at the cheerful Copper Room a short drive away before preparing for a journey into the world of the Joshua trees.

Death Valley

My spot of tree-hugging at the Joshua Tree National Park came slap in the middle of a road trip that took in some of the many attractions of Greater Palm Springs. A night at West June LAX (thehoteljune.com/west-los-angeles) was a great way to get over the flight, with costs from around £143 per night.

Next morning it was time to drive to Death Valley, the hottest place in Earth, where a temperature of 57C was once recorded.

The trip goes through Ridgecrest and, if it looks familiar, it might be because part of Top Gun: Maverick was filmed there. There was no sign of Tom Cruise so it was on to The Ranch at Death Valley, with prices from around £158 per night.

With such high temperatures, you need to take precautions when visiting landmarks with enticing names such as Dante’s Peak, Badwater Basin and Devil’s Golf Course, so-called because it is said “only the devil could play golf on such rough links”.

Headgear and lots of water are essential and you need to splash on the highest sun factor you can, but it’s all worth it to experience the amazing area that is home to coyotes, mountain lions and, gulp, rattlesnakes.

Part of the third Star Wars movie was filmed on location here and Nichole Andler, chief of interpretation and education at Furnace Creek Visitors

Centre, say they now have many European visitors coming in July and August because they want to experience how hot Death Valley is.

It’s worth setting the alarm clock to see sunrise at Zabriskie Point when the mountain range is bathed in colour. Covering nearly 3.2 million acres, there is plenty to explore, from the Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes to the Artist’s Palette rocks and the odd ghost town.

Borrego Springs

If you are looking for quirky, charming and unique then head to Borrego Springs.

As you drive into town, you spot dinosaurs, giant scorpions and even a serpent decorating the surrounding areas.

There are more than 130 figures in the Anza Borrego and Galleta Meadows, created by Ricardo Breceda. He apparently started with a dinosaur because his daughter had just seen Jurassic Park and wanted her own dino.

The desert will come alive with

“Surrounded by monoliths, I could see mile after mile of Joshua trees”

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DEATH IN PARADISE



HOT ROCKS
Death Valley

HOT SPOT
The Ranch at Death Valley



flowers too, if you time your visit right. It is also a dark skies area and if it's not too cloudy you can enjoy the stars at night on a guided walk with knowledgeable expert Mike McElhatton, from the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Society.

There are hummingbirds in the gardens and you can enjoy a bite at Big Horn Burgers & Shakes.

Borrego Valley Inn has prices from around £207 a night and offers breakfast delivered to your door in the morning.

Palm Springs

The Kardashians are among today's famous Palm Springs residents, but the area has also been home to the likes of Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope and Elvis.

Ace Hotel & Swim Club costs from around £165 a night and is a good starting point for exploring the area.

Local entertainment includes drag bingo and a pub quiz with Bella Da Ball, while a Red Jeep Tour offers hikes around the Indian Canyons. It costs from around £159 per person (four people minimum) and Darrell, aka Black Feather, is quick to warn you about not going off the trail because – yep, you guessed it – there are rattlesnakes out there.

Thousands of tarantulas also appear during mating season. You've been warned.

Darrell, who is full of fascinating facts and stories, shrugs off mention of the area's earthquakes, saying: "It's rock 'n' roll all the time here."

A good way to end the day is a meal at Boozehounds bar and restaurant, which

HOME TO THE STARS
Palm Springs



lets people bring their pets along to the outdoor area via a doggy door.

Coachella

The best part of a road trip is you can stop off to take in so many sights – see the world's tallest thermometer in Baker, visit Route 66 landmarks such as Roy's Motel & Cafe, or

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BOOK IT

Entry to Death Valley costs around £23 per private vehicle. Camping reservations must be made at least two days beforehand and can be made up to six months in advance.

■ Entry to Joshua Tree National Park costs around £23 per private vehicle. Camping reservations can be made the same day or up to six months in advance.

■ Car hire costs from around £74 a day.

MORE INFO

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spend time at Amboy Crater. It's also worth paying a visit to Coachella to see the setting of the world-famous music and arts festival. Palm Springs Surf Club is another top destination where you can catch gnarly waves in the middle of the Sonoran Desert. Admission is £16 for ages five and above booked in advance, or £19 at the gate.

After all that driving, ease your muscles at The Spa at Sec-he. A day pass is £115 and includes the Taking of the Waters experience and entry to all amenities. Or you can book a bathing experience on its own for around £47.

As for the Joshua trees beloved by Bono and U2, Death Valley's Nichole Andler broke the news to me gently. "They were on the

highway to Las Vegas but they died," she said. Seems like I still haven't found what I'm looking for.

“Thousands of tarantulas also appear during mating season”



Must-see cities on Germany's Euro 2024 trail

FOOTBALLMANIA is kicking off with the Euro 2024 tournament now under way in Germany.

Over the course of a month, teams will do battle in 10 host cities – but there's a great deal more to see.

If you're planning on heading out to soak up the atmosphere, make the most of a trip by exploring what else is on offer. Whatever the outcome, these German cities are real winners.

MUNICH

Within easy reach of the Alps and several lakes, Germany's third largest city has earned a reputation for being laidback and calm.

The centre of the action is Marienplatz square, with buildings constructed in the 12th century. The Neo-Gothic New Town Hall is a highlight.

Celebrate wins and commiserate losses on shared tables in the Hofbrauhaus, the city's famous beer hall, commissioned as a state brewery in the 16th century. **BOOK IT: Doubles at Ruby Rosi hotel start from £100 per night with breakfast.** ruby-hotels.com

COLOGNE

Set along the Rhine river, this scenic city is the place to indulge cultural pursuits. There are more than 100 museums, while Museum Ludwig has one of the world's largest Picasso displays. For a more indulgent day out, the Chocolate Museum is an easy contender.

Cologne cathedral is a showstopper and lauded as Germany's most popular landmark. A must see. **BOOK IT: Doubles at Mercure Hotel Koeln Belfortstrasse start from £190 with breakfast.** mercure-hotel-koeln-belfortstrasse.de/en

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For a view of the buzzy "Mainhattan" skyline – up there with New York City – visit the Eiserner Steg footbridge built in 1869 and used by more than 10,000 pedestrians every day. Head to the top of the glass-fronted Main Tower (the first high-rise building in Europe) or a rooftop bar to watch the sunset.

For cramming several exhibitions into one afternoon, aim for Museum Embankment. Displays are hosted in a collection of historic villas and purpose-built spaces, covering art, architecture, film and even comic books. **BOOK IT: Doubles at Avani Frankfurt City Hotel start from £149, including breakfast.** avanihotels.com

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A hub for alternative subcultures, this city in Saxony has been fondly nicknamed "hypezig".

Priced out of Berlin, artists and DJs have found more affordable former industrial spaces here, creating one of the buzziest underground scenes in Europe. Street art decorates many neighbourhoods, a reflection of the city's rebellious spirit.

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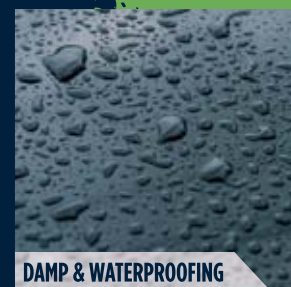
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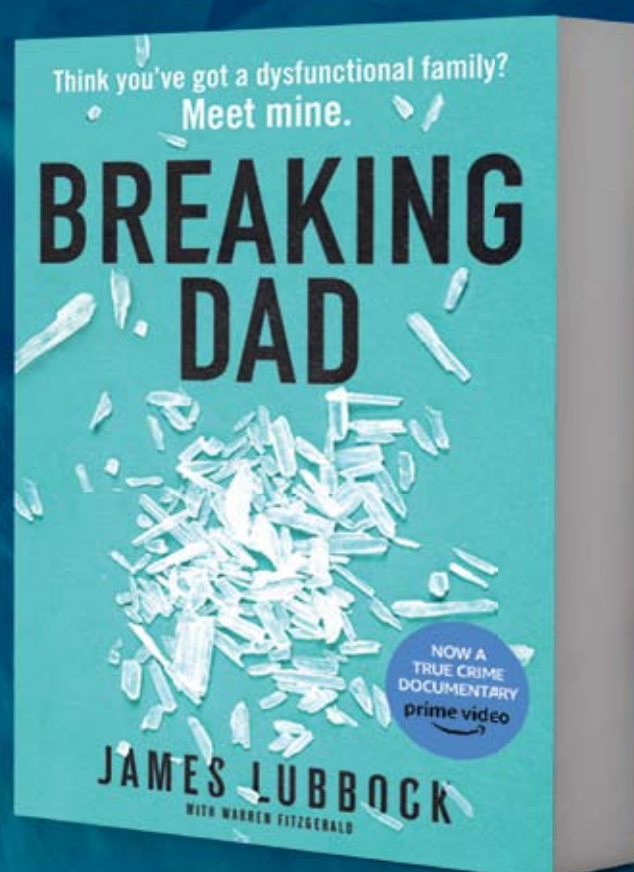
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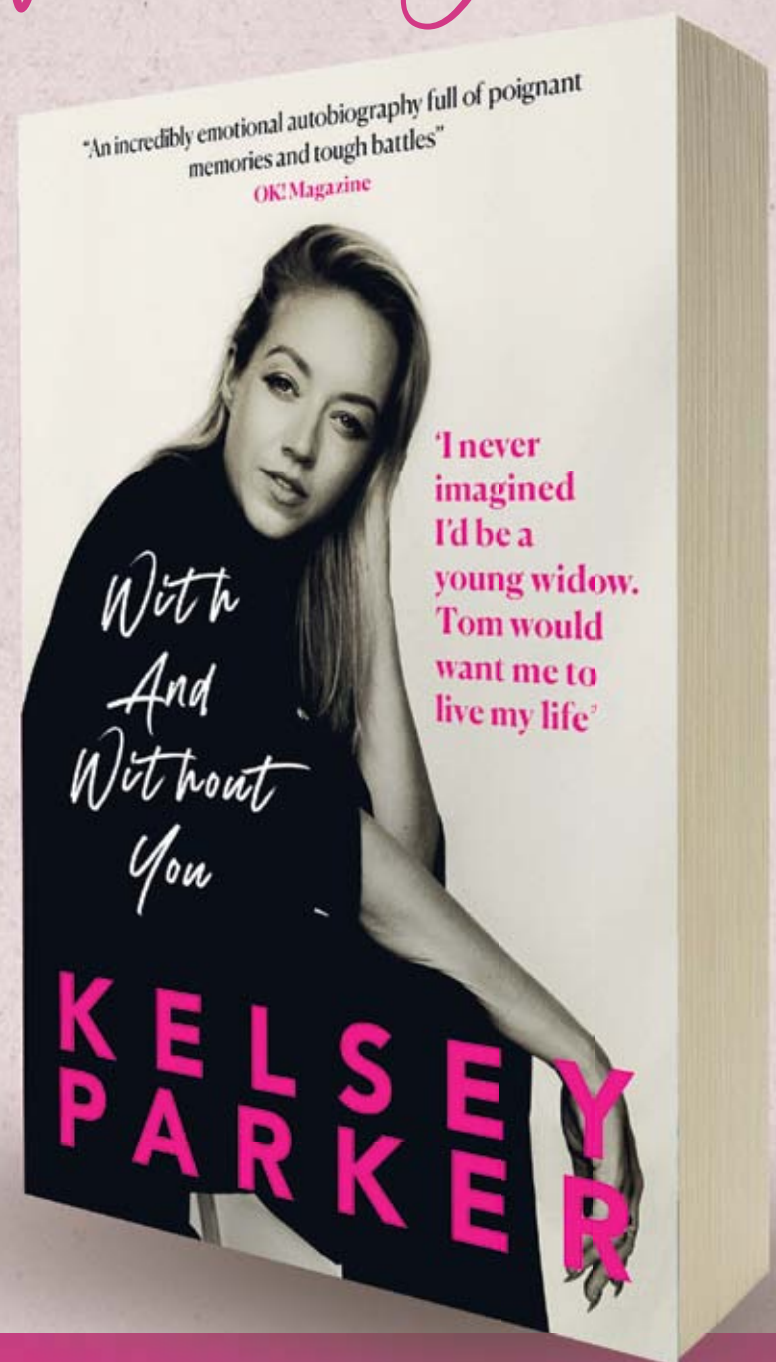
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But it's securing a first Olympics spot with Team GB that the Scots mountain biking star insists would be out of this world.

Aldridge's career has hit top gear since he was crowned junior cross country world champion in 2019.

The 23-year-old was snapped up by leading pro outfit Cannondale and last year won the U23 world championship in the Borders.

Now, with the Olympics starting line just six weeks away, he is in a strong position to nail one of the two mountain bike positions in Team GB for Paris.

And the Perth rider – currently competing in the shadow of the Dolomites in Italy's Val Di Sole leg of the World Cup – revealed that would be yet another career high as he continues to scale the charts alongside the world's elite.

Last month's fourth-place finish in Nove Mesto, Czech Republic, saw him link arms with Swiss 10-time world champ Schurter on the podium.

And speaking to *Record Sport* from Italy, Aldridge said: "Nino Schurter was always a big role model. He still is.

"I watched him closely when I was growing up then last month I was standing on the podium with him! That was a totally surreal moment.

"He had been on the podium 90-odd times in his career – that was my first! So that was definitely one of my career highs.

"It's weird because I race with these guys all the time and, in competition terms, that has now become normal.

"But it wasn't until I was standing on the podium I was taken aback thinking 'wow... two years ago I would not have thought this is possible!'.
"It felt so alien and far away. It was mega cool."

What's not far away is the starting gun on the Olympics and Aldridge is first to admit his rapid rise has shot him four years ahead of schedule.

Los Angeles 2028 was always circled on the career calendar.

But the mechanical engineering student's journey has rocketed over

BY FRASER WILSON

the last two years to the stage where it looks certain he will be on the team beside Tokyo 2021 gold medallist Tom Pidcock.

Not that he's taking anything for granted. Aldridge said: "You never want to say for definite until it's confirmed. But I'm confident.

"It's weird in mountain biking because it's such a small race, only two people from each country can go from the top eight. There's only a quarter of the competition that you'd usually have.

"It's the top-tier guys but at the same time there's a lot of guys who are faster than you in the world rankings that aren't there.

"It's the Olympics so it means a lot. I'm super excited if I get to go.

"I was never really aiming for Paris. In my head Los Angeles was the one to target. I did well last year and suddenly Paris is on the cards."

Should that Team GB email drop in the next fortnight then Aldridge is well prepared for what lies ahead having already completed a test event at the Elancourt Hill track – the highest point in the Paris region.

He said: "We did a test on the track last year. I got a puncture but still came 17th. That's not too bad.

"The course was quite gravelly.

"It would be nice to be part of it for all the people who have helped me in my career so far. My

parents who were the first role models for me. Right from the start they gave me every support. The National Lottery has been a major help in my development too."

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BIG TIME CHARLIE
Aldridge has high aims after sharing podium with Nino



SETBACK Conor McGregor

Injury puts McGregor's return on hold in UFC

UPDATE

CONOR MCGREGOR'S highly-anticipated UFC comeback is on hold.

UFC president Dana White has confirmed that the Irishman, a former two-weight world champion, is out injured.

His welterweight clash with Michael Chandler has been postponed and White said: "Conor McGregor is out of UFC 303 with an injury... it has been a crazy week here at UFC."

The June 29 show in Las Vegas would have been McGregor's first fight since July 2021 when he lost by TKO to Dustin Poirier after breaking his left leg.

No details have been revealed about the injury or a new date for the fight. **GRID:** The Los Angeles Chargers have signed wide receiver Praise Olatoke.

Born in Nigeria and raised in Scotland, Olatoke is part of the NFL's International Pathway Program, which provides elite international athletes the opportunity to compete at the highest level and improve their skills to work toward earning a spot on an NFL roster.

DARTS: Scot Peter Wright thrashed homeplayer Jacek Krupka 6-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the Poland Masters in Gilwice.

CYCLING: The RideLondon Classique will not take place in 2025 after a change to the world governing body's calendar left London unable to stage the UCI Women's WorldTour race on the appointed dates.

Race organiser London Marathon Events was notified of changes to the UCI's calendar in late March, proposing the race move from the last full weekend in May to a slot from May 30 to June 1.

Despite talks for several weeks, organisers were unable to find a solution.

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RUGBY URC SEMI-FINAL



BEST OF ENEMIES
Glasgow must not take eye off their goal in niggles with Munster says Smith, left

Smith warns Warriors not to be distracted against fierce rivals

DON'T SCUFFLE ANY FEATHERS

FRANCO SMITH has warned his Glasgow players not to get involved in individual battles - verbal or physical - when they meet Munster in today's URC semi-final.

The rivalry between the two is one of the fiercest in the league and there is often a lot of nigger between the players.

But Smith insists his men will need to be totally focused on playing their own game against the defending champions.

The Warriors boss said: "We're going to be distracted from the outcome if we're focused on the niggling and the off-the-ball stuff which we can't control.

"The only way that we can win this is by outplaying Munster on both sides of the ball. Individual scuffles and

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individual rivalries are not going to do anybody any good."

Glasgow won 38-26 in Limerick in the regular season last year.

But Munster won the clash that counted when they came to Scotstoun in the quarter-finals and beat Glasgow 14-5.

And this year the Irishmen have already got the better of Smith's side at Thomond Park, winning 40-29 on the way to qualifying for the play-offs as top seeds.

Munster have won their last 10 games in the URC and are so dominant at home that teams often turn up with just a plan of how to defend against

them. But Smith reckons his side need to impose their own attacking game on the home team rather than just soaking up the pressure.

He said: "The focus hasn't been so much on Munster.

"We've looked more at what we can bring to this game and what we can do to win.

"We want to be the best that we can be and play as close as possible to the DNA of this club.

"We'll need that to have any chance this weekend.

"If we're only going to try to measure ourselves against what Munster bring, we'll fall short.

"It's more about how good

can we be? And how much will we have to ask the questions of them instead of just having answers for them?"

Smith has stuck with the 15 men who started last week's 27-10 quarter-final win at home to the Stormers.

And he has made just the one enforced change on the bench, with prop forward Murphy Walker replacing Nathan McBeth, who was concussed against the South Africans.

The Warriors lost at the same stage in the previous two seasons and the coach believes it could be a big step forward for his team.

Smith added: "It was important that we got the monkey off our back last week.

"It was more than just a victory over the Stormers - it

was also a victory over ourselves. We built good experience and we'll need that again this week."

If Glasgow win then they will play either Leinster at Croke Park in Dublin or the Bulls in Pretoria in the final next Saturday.

The Irish side visit the South Africans in today's first semi-final, which kicks off at 3pm. And Munster will be at home if they win.

GLASGOW: Josh McKay, Sebastian Cancelliere, Huw Jones, Sione Tuipulotu, Kyle Steyn (cap), Tom Jordan, George Horne, Jamie Bhatti, Johnny Matthews, Zander Fagerson, Scott Cummings, Richie Gray, Matt Fagerson, Rory Darge, Jack Dempsey.

Subs: George Turner, Oli Kebble, Murphy Walker, Max Williamson, Euan Ferrie, Henco Venter, Jamie Dobie, Ross Thompson.

Saint inspires Billam-Smith for revenge on Richard

BOXING

CHRIS BILLAM-SMITH was once the eager fan boy following George Groves around - but now it's the Saint who is one of his biggest supporters in strength sessions.

'Saint' George has been helping out in training to inspire the Bournemouth bruiser ahead of his WBO cruiserweight title defence against Richard Riakporhe.

Billam-Smith, 33, is looking to avenge an earlier defeat by his rival when he puts his title on the line tonight at Selhurst Park.

And he's had Groves in his corner again. It's well known Billam-Smith got to work with trainer Shane McGuigan when he became a sparring partner for Groves in his fighting days.

He was ringside at some of his hero's biggest nights with his brother when he beat James DeGale, the two Carl Froch fights, the comeback and when he won the world title against Fedor Chudinov at Bramall Lane.

Billam-Smith said: "George has helped me a lot in my career. Before my



MOTIVATION Billam-Smith

world title fight when I beat Lawrence Okolie, he told me it wasn't just another fight, it was going to change my life. I needed that.

"The adversity he had to go through in his career inspired me. He kept on keeping on. He persevered through a lot.

"Now he's a friend, it's a bit crazy for me. He's been great to have around. He's so knowledgeable.

"I see him a couple of times a week. He joins in on my strength sessions. It's good to have him there and see over what I'm doing."

Billam-Smith lost a narrow points decision to Riakporhe in 2019 but he rebuilt and went on to win a world title when he beat Okolie last year.

Billam-Smith said: "You get into sport professionally because you're competitive, anyone who beats you want to avenge that loss."

"I've shown that defeat hasn't defined me but it is great to get the chance to avenge the loss. It's a huge motivation."

Jones: We can live the dream and overcome Oz

MICHAEL JONES is dreaming of a memorable win over mighty Australia in tomorrow's Caribbean crunch clash.

The sides meet in St Lucia with the Saltires needing to beat the Aussies to claim a place in the T20 World Cup's Super 8 phase - unless Namibia do them a massive favour by beating England today.

And Durham star Jones, who set

CRICKET

the tone for a great campaign to date with a brilliant innings in the washed-out clash with England, is eyeing a place in the latter stages of the competition.

He said: "It is the stuff of dreams, isn't it? It was the goal before coming here and it would mean a lot to everyone. It would be

another upset in the cricketing world but we really believe in the quality we have in our team.

"Although we definitely wouldn't have been the bookies' favourites to make the Super 8, a little bit of luck and some good performances along the way and who knows?"

Jones believes it's a help for Scotland to know they need a win, rather than relying on the lottery

of net run-rate. He added: "It's an advantage to know the situation before going in. We want the best result we can get but on a personal level you want to challenge yourself against the best.

"We believe we can put up a fight against them so I almost hope they do go full strength and we can show the cricketing world we are up to the challenge."



PLOTTING UPSET Jones

US OPEN

HATTON'S SCREAM CHANCE



NO REST Stressed Hatton

TYRRELL HATTON is "internally screaming"... and it could give him an advantage this weekend.

Hatton posted a one-over 71 yesterday to sit one under through 36 holes.

And while his mid-round blow-ups have endeared him to fans, he gave an insight into what is going through his mind playing Pinehurst No.2.

The Englishman said: "I'm sort of internally

screaming for the most part. There's just no rest.

"There are no easy shots. It's quite a stressful five-and-a-half-hours."

But fiery Hatton believes the North Carolina chaos could play into his hands.

The LIV star said: "Maybe everyone else getting a bit more frustrated is better for someone like me who is just constantly frustrated.

"You still have to play really good golf." Hatton

played several sublime shots in a composed round.

But on the 13th, his approach to the par four pitched into the edge of the hole and span back into a greenside bunker as he was unable to save par.

He added: "Not ideal. Accepting sometimes if you have hit a good shot and you get a bad break... I've done better at that the last two days than maybe I've done so far this year."

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RORY McILROY reckons the Pinehurst punters are in for a ding-dong battle down the stretch after he tumbled off the top of the US Open tree.

FROM ANDREW GAMBLE AT PINEHURST

A decade ago Martin Kaymer ran away with an eight-shot triumph at this track in North Carolina but there is little prospect of a repeat.

Having posted his first bogey-free opening round at a Major since his 2014 Open victory, McIlroy got to work yesterday as co-leader alongside Ryder Cup nemesis Patrick Cantlay.

But the Northern Irishman suffered a rude awakening in the blistering heat en route to a two-over 72 which saw him fall back to three under – a shot off the early clubhouse lead.

Fellow morning starter Bryson DeChambeau racked up five birdies in a 69 that saw him leapfrog the four-time Major winner by a shot.

McIlroy veered from the ridiculous to the

sublime on day two, albeit his bid for a first Major since 2014 was not bulldozed.

The world No.3, who started on the back nine, said: "I was two over pretty early. My goal going into that second nine was if I could get it back to even for the day I would have been pretty happy.

"I got that birdie on three, I was trying to claw one back there. Ultimately I gave one back again.

"With the way the course is and the way some of those hole locations are, I don't see anyone running away with it and building up too much of a lead.

"That's certainly what Martin did a few years ago here."

McIlroy had hoped to capitalise on what he perceived to be preferable conditions and fresh greens as world No.1 Scottie Scheffler, No.2 Xander Schauffele and No.3 teed off.

However, he struggled to rekindle the opening day's magic, missing a birdie putt from 12 feet on the par-five 10th in a sign of things to come.

That was McIlroy's first five of the week – he had birdied both par fives the day before – and another followed on the 11th when he was unable to get up and down after a slightly pulled approach span back off the green.

McIlroy also bogeyed the par-three 15th and the Northern Irishman's day looked set to go from bad to worse when his birdie putt on the 17th rolled past the hole and off the front of the

green, only for him to promptly chip in for an unorthodox par.

A first birdie of the day finally arrived on the third and McIlroy made a vital save on the fifth when seeing Scheffler and Schauffele both run up double-bogey sevens after needing two attempts to find the putting surface from the left of the green.

McIlroy's approach had also ended up in the same area but he wisely cut his losses with a conservative third across the green and two-putted for par. A

bogey on the ninth cost the Ryder Cup stalwart a share of the lead but with weather warnings posted around the course as the temperature climbed above 90 degrees, the later starters were set to face increasingly difficult conditions.

On the notoriously difficult greens, McIlroy added: "It just requires a lot more thought.

"Even though I hit a great drive up the eighth hole, I had 151 adjusted to the hole. I'm trying to land it 146.

"I can't land it 144 because it's not going to get up there. I can't land it 148 because it's going to go over the back of the green.

"You just need to have a lot of precision. I feel like for the most part I've done that well this week.

"I've got the ball pin high quite a lot, which is really important. I'm not trying to land the ball pin high.

"You're trying to hit it to a number with a wedge, then with a mid iron you're trying to land it 30 feet short of the pin to try to get it pin high.

"Just a little more thought and consideration to everything you're doing... very conservative strategy off the tee.

"And because most of us are playing conservatively off the tee, with irons you can aim down one side of the fairway to try to give yourself better angles to these pins."

DeChambeau, joined in the clubhouse lead by Belgian Thomas Detry, said: "If the wind picks up, it's going to be diabolical."

Bob MacIntyre, teeing up here fresh from his Canadian Open success, also endured a day to forget as a 76 saw him fall to six over.



TOUGH GOING Scheffler

MAJOR BLOW AS

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER'S US Open bid crumbled as he tumbled to five over.

The world No.1 and two-time Masters champion arrived at the Major as the overwhelming favourite

given his scintillating form this season.

But Scheffler's struggled to find success in any aspect of his game this week. And he said: "I felt like I played really well

DAY 2 AT PINEHURST

NOWHERE TO RUN

Rory's knocked off the top at Major but there's no reason to worry as he warns tricky track means runaway success like Kaymer's isn't going to happen



BRY AND MIGHTY DeChambeau gets back inside the clubhouse under par as McIlroy, main, and MacIntyre, above, are made to work hard on Pinehurst No.2

BIRDIE-FREE 74 SINKS SCHEFFLER

Thursday and got a lot out of my game, which I feel I've done a good job of this year. This was kind of the opposite.

"I felt like – especially the back nine – I actually hit

it well. I just couldn't get a putt to fall early."

Scheffler also lamented his disaster on the fifth in which he posted a double-bogey on the par-five en route to a 74 featuring not

a single birdie. The USA star said. "This course can be unpredictable at times and maybe it got the better of me the last couple days. I'll sit down and think where we're

going and figure it out." Grant Forrest's US Open adventure is over after the 30-year-old Scot added a 76 to his opening-day 77 to sink to 13 over.

Andrew Gamble



HEADING HOME Forrest

TENNIS

JACK BACKED BY BULLY BEEF

BY NEIL SQUIRES

JACK DRAPER believes a new bully-boy attitude has set himself up for a crack at the world's top 10.

The 22-year-old, who will replace Cam Norrie as British No.1 on Monday, muscled his way into the semi-finals of the Stuttgart Open with a third set tie break win against world No.28 Frances Tiafoe that saw him send down 31 aces.

If he can land his first ATP title he will move into the world's top 30 for the first time on the back of his beefed-up approach.

Draper said: "The serve's a big factor in all of this but also I've come up the court massively on my return position. I'm just trying to come forward more, trying to use my presence and just trying to play like a 6ft 4in player. Hopefully that more aggressive style is showing and will show in my game from here."

Draper faces American Brandon Nakashima in the last four in Germany today.

Meanwhile, Katie Boulter predicts "a fight" if she ends up playing Emma



AGGRESSIVE Draper

Raducanu in a best-of-British Rothesay Open semi-final showdown.

The champion made it through to the last four in Nottingham after a rain-interrupted straight-sets victory over Poland's Magdalena Fisch.

Raducanu will join her if she wins her washed-out quarter-final against Fran Jones today.

"With Emma, we know what she is capable of," said Boulter. "She plays very well on the grass court – she plays very well on every surface actually."

"No matter what, it is going to be a battle, it is going to be a fight, it is going to be a scrap. But that's the fun of it."

JAMIE'S NEW ROLE A CINCH

BY NEIL MCLEMAN

JAMIE MURRAY will prepare for teaming up with brother Andy in the Wimbledon doubles by running this week's Cinch Championship at Queen's.

But the new tournament director, 38, plans to keep on playing longer than his fellow double Olympic champion.

Jamie, who suffered an elbow injury this season, admits the decision to take the managerial role is to prepare for life after his on-court career.

"I am not going to play forever," said the seven-time Grand Slam champion. "Given the circumstances where I am at, my age and everything, it felt like I couldn't really pass it up. It is exciting to do something a bit different and get stuck into a new challenge. My stuff is mainly player side."

Taking the role ruled him out of playing at Queen's Club – and his regular partner Michael Venus has paired up with Neal Skupski for the grasscourt season.

This left Jamie, who has



DIRECTOR Jamie Murray

two Wimbledon mixed doubles titles, available to play with Andy in probably the younger brother's final appearance at their home Grand Slam.

But the doubles specialist is not ready to call time on his playing career.

"It depends on a few things," said the world No.24. "Rankings for sure. Enjoying travelling, I think. Injuries, that sort of stuff. I could see myself playing for another two or three years for sure."

A women's event will be staged at Queen's Club next summer for the first time since 1973 but Jamie said running both events would be difficult. "Let's see what happens," he added.

Hotline

» ROBBIE COPELAND ANSWERS YOUR CALLS

IT'S never too long before the Hotline descends into tribalistic bickering - but let's start with some Scotland chat before we get there, shall we?

Steve Clarke and his boys took on Germany last night but **Gary Stevenson, Newtonhill**, wants us to aim higher than the gaffer's target of four points.

He said: "Clarke has been telling us for months that Scotland will progress from the group stage of the Euros. He now has set a target of four points.

"What an incredibly low bar to set for what is a relatively easy group. Scotland should be beating teams like Hungary and Switzerland."

Andrew Lamb, Fraserburgh wrote in: "Looking forward to seeing both Scotland and England games in the Euros and want to wish both sides well. Scotland's games against Hungary and Switzerland will be their most likely way to qualify."

Derek Cormack said: "Ian Renton reckons the Scotland team suffers from a lack of Rangers players, can he enlighten us to who he thinks should be in the Scotland line-up? Most of the Rangers squad are foreign mercenaries hanging on to the coattails of the most successful club in Scotland."

And that's our cue to pivot. Poor Ian was getting it from all angles as **Donald Dundas, Uddingston**, said: "As a Rangers fan I had to laugh at Ian Renton suggesting Clement signs Scottish bluenoses.

"I take it he loved the glory days of Laudrup, Gattuso, Amoroso, Numan and Novo, plus the plethora of English players who brought us Nine in a Row and unlimited success. I don't care as long as they can play football."

Donald's comment on Thursday's **Hotline** got a rise out of **Kenny Wilson, Moffatt**, as he said: "As

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Ian Renton says Scotland suffer from lack of Gers players. Can he enlighten us with who he thinks should be in Scotland line-up?'

much as Celtic can't really mock anyone for performances in Europe, I have to say to Donald Dundas that if Rangers qualify for the Champions League, don't think for a minute Celtic would be out before you as you've only managed it once in your history. I'll just remind you that you were the worst team in Champions League history!"

And the theme of Celtic in the Champions League (or European Cup!) continued.

Alan Flett claimed Celtic only had to win six games to win the trophy in 1967, something that was corrected by James Logan in Thursday's **Hotline** who pointed out it was actually nine. But Alan was back as he said: "So you had to play a whopping nine games to win the old European Cup? Oh deary me, I was three games out. All the teams may have been champions but most of them were only making the numbers up. It was widely regarded as the easiest European trophy to win and that's why unfashionable clubs like Celtic were able to have success."

George Wilson, West Sussex, said: "James Logan quite rightly states Celtic played a grand total of nine games and not six to win the 1967 European Cup. They beat the might of Zurich, Nantes, Vojvodina and Dukla Prague to reach the final. Most people will never have heard of any of these teams. I mean Vojvodina in the quarter-finals of the European Cup? It's a Sunday pub team, isn't it?"

And to end with some signature **Hotline** pessimism, **Archie Mac, Bruce**, said: "Afternoon, do you think Celtic will have found the keys to open the biscuit tin and keep the fans happy or will it be the same old story again this season?"

"A good performance in the Euros will increase players' values and again we will be signing the dross that will be left in the bucket."

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DOUBLE SWOOP Theelin

Jimmy quick to make his Dons mark

BY SCOTT BURNS

JIMMY THEELIN has made his first Aberdeen moves to sign Peter Ambrose and Gavin Molloy.

The Dons have agreed undisclosed fees with Ujpest and Shelbourne respectively.

Striker Ambrose has signed a three-year deal, with the club having the option of a fourth, while centre half Molloy has penned a contract until summer 2027.

Theelin said: "Peter will strengthen options within the squad and provide healthy competition in the forward areas.

"He also has all the personal attributes we look for in a player. Hard work,



INCOMING RED Molloy

application and a real intensity to our work."

Ambrose, 22, came through the ranks at Balikesirspor before he moved to Hungary.

He was Ujpest's top scorer last season.

Ambrose said: "I spoke to the manager and he told me his plans and what we will be working on."

He checked in with Molloy, who had been recommended by head of recruitment Chris Badland.

"Gavin has developed a growing reputation in Ireland", said Theelin. "He brings great versatility, a positive attitude and conducts himself in the correct manner."

Alfie may be going home

ALFREDO MORELOS is set for a shock return to Colombian football with Atletico Junior poised to end his Santos nightmare.

The ex-Rangers ace has flopped with the Brazilian club, netting just four goals in 29 appearances.

And Colombian side Atletico Junior are on the brink of agreeing a deal.



CELTIC



Caley turning full circle for local talent



NEW FOCUS Manager Dunc

CRISIS club Inverness have gone full circle by vowing to rely heavily on Highland-based players.

It comes after the cash-strapped League One side were forced to abandon controversial plans to move their weekday training base to Kelty's ground in Fife.

A backlash caused that move to be canned and now the board have confirmed Duncan Ferguson's squad will rely heavily on local talent as they look to win promotion back to the Championship

BY SCOTT BURNS

at the first time of asking. An ICT statement confirmed: "While the last few weeks have been difficult for everyone connected to the club, we now respectfully ask the supporters to rally around the team, management, and a squad which will feature more Inverness and Highland players than we have had for many a long year. If ever we need the fans it is now."

Caley Thistle have also confirmed that chairman Ross Morrison has stepped down while chief executive

Scot Gardiner is now working his notice.

A statement said: "Ross leaves with our sincere thanks for the dedicated service he has given to the club and we are indebted to him for his passion, tireless effort and crucial investment in the club."

"Our CEO Scot Gardiner has also tendered his resignation. Scot is serving his notice and will be continuing to help the club get through this difficult period."

The troubled Highland outfit are currently in talks with several groups as they seek new investment."

SEARCH FOR A NEW KEEPER

THE BIG 1

Dubravka could be the man to fill massive hole left by Hart

ALL eyes are on the Euros but that doesn't mean that Celtic can afford to take theirs off the ball in the transfer market.

And while it's still very early days in the summer Brendan Rodgers needs to make a new keeper his No.1 priority.

There's no doubt Celtic will have to do plenty of business in the window in several areas.

But they can't underestimate just how important it's going to be to land a top-class goalie.

There is a massive hole to fill following the departure of Joe Hart – and it's going to be nigh impossible to replace him like for like.

Hart was a brilliant keeper but also a huge character in the dressing room.

You could see the influence he had on the side and he really bought into life at Parkhead.

Hart is a born winner and it was a match made in heaven for him at Celtic, coming at a time when he admitted his career was starting to drift.

But we've had

» CHRIS SUTTON

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all the goodbyes. Now it's time for the new man to come in and take the gloves.

I can't see Scott Bain or Benji Siegrist stepping up so the recruitment department will be on the case for the new man between the sticks.

There has been a lot of talk around the likes of Newcastle's Martin Dubravka and Peter Vindahl Jensen at Sparta Prague.

A lot of fans would love to see Liverpool's Caiomhin Kelleher at Parkhead but I can't see that one happening, unless it's on some kind of loan deal.

Kelleher is highly regarded at Anfield and even if he was allowed to leave, there would be a queue of Premier League clubs ready to throw money at him.

Dubravka sounds a more realistic target.

Look, he's no Hart, who arrived at Celtic as a Premier League winner with 75 caps for England.

There's no way Celtic will be able to replace that kind of experience. But Dubravka is at a similar stage of his career as Hart was before his move.

At 35 he probably has one more big move in him. He has played a lot of games for Newcastle in the last year but

isn't going to be first choice. There's every chance he saw what Hart achieved at Celtic and fancies a bit of that himself.

Does he sit tight and ride out his final year at Newcastle as a back up, or perhaps drop down the divisions in England to get a regular game?

Or does he come to Celtic, play every week and be in with the chance of winning silverware while playing in the Champions League?

I know what I would be doing. It sounds like he's waiting until after the Euros to make any decision and that's fair enough. If he has a decent tournament with Slovakia then there could be more options.

Celtic need to keep their options open too because it's such an important role.

Some people might think it's easy being a Celtic keeper. After all, most weeks you might not have much to do.

That's what makes it tough though. Parkhead No.1s might

have to go through spells in games with not much

happening – and then make the saves that can be crucial when it comes to tallying up points.

That's what made Hart such a good No.1 at the club and why he was so popular with fans.

It was big saves at big moments. It also takes big character. Hart had it in spades and that is what will be required for his replacement.

We've seen in recent years when Celtic have got it right – and when they've got it wrong.

You look at the likes of Fraser Forster and Craig Gordon, top keepers with the right mentality for the club.

Then you look at Vasilis Barkas, who arrived with a decent reputation but then never seemed to be able to stop a shot.

During his short spell as the main man it felt like everything that was

HART OF GOLD
Joe was superb



hit at him ended up in the back of the net.

Celtic need a keeper who can produce the goods when called into action and then pull out the stops when it matters in the Champions League – where he will be busy.

There is time to get the recruitment up and running but they also can't afford to hang about.

Rangers have already got the ball rolling with new signings but I don't think Celtic should panic too much about what's happening across the city.

Rangers need a total rebuild. There is less work required at Celtic but that doesn't mean they can hang about.

The lessons from last summer have to be learned. They can't afford to go into the European campaign looking as undercooked as they did last season.

Rodgers managed to turn around a season of transition into one of trophy triumph but they don't want to be making it difficult for themselves again.

Ideally, Rodgers will have some of his big targets in the building for the start of pre-season, rather than waiting until the end of the window.

I get that it's not always so straightforward. But Celtic can't muck about and with money in the bank, supporters aren't likely to be patient. They want to see the recruitment drive under way but a No.1 has to be top priority.



CONFIRMATION Ogren

Investors are making Mark at Tannadice

ROUND-UP

DUNDEE UNITED owner Mark Ogren has confirmed that he's in talks with potential investors.

Record Sport reported that the owners of Brentford and Brighton were both interested in potential collaborations, as has recently happened at Hibs with the owners of Bournemouth.

There is also overseas interest but the United owner wants to reduce the debt, mainly owed to him, by transferring around £5m of it into new shares.

Ogren wrote: "As I am sure many of you are wondering, please note that while there have been some discussions with potential investors, we have no agreements in place with anyone."

●DYLAN TAIT has left Hibs to join Falkirk in a permanent deal.

The highly-rated 22-year-old left Raith to step up to the Premiership at Easter Road in August 2021.

But he failed to make the anticipated impact.

●AIRDRIE have signed Hibs keeper Murray Johnson on a year-long loan to replace Josh Rae.

●ST MIRREN have snapped up former Northern Ireland Under-21 international Oisín Smyth on a two-year deal.

The Paisley outfit have landed the midfielder, 24, from League One play-off winners Oxford United.



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IN FRAME Alexander-Arnold

Southgate likes TAA in middle for English

BY JOHN CROSS

GARETH SOUTHGATE looks set to be bold and use Trent Alexander-Arnold in his midfield masterplan for the Euros.

England boss Southgate has worked on using Alexander-Arnold alongside Declan Rice and Jude Bellingham in training this week ahead of their Group C opener against Serbia.

Full-back Alexander-Arnold would be seen as something of a gamble but Southgate is pinning his hopes on his quality on the ball, passing range and delivery from set-pieces.

Southgate may use Bellingham in the midfield trio rather than as a No.10 to give more stability because it is a different task for Alexander-Arnold, who may lack some physicality and strength in the tackle against Serbia.

But it would be a brave move on Southgate's part to get as many of his top quality players in the starting XI as possible.

While Southgate has not told the players and has not made a final decision, his forward line may have a more familiar look.

Harry Kane is England's record scorer and will lead the line as well as captain the team in Gelsenkirchen.

Bukayo Saka and Phil Foden would be the favourites to start on the flanks in what could be an attacking line-up against the team ranked 33rd in the world.

Serbia will pose a threat with Aleksandar Mitrovic and Dusan Vlahovic.

However, John Stones is fit to start and Marc Guehi is favourite to partner him in central defence.

England will train this morning at their base in Blankenhain before going to Gelsenkirchen and will make final decisions tomorrow. But Southgate is leaning heavily towards Alexander-Arnold.



GERMANS' CAN-DO ATTITUDE Emre runs off to celebrate No.5 as Billy Gilmour and Co are left feeling miserable

BLAME GAME Keane, inset, didn't pull his punches as Ally, far right, is left crestfallen



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MAULING IN MUNICH

Big night started off-key off pitch and we couldn't get a tune on it

Ally loves his Highway to Hell.. let's go to the studio for their cover

"TEN bloomin' minutes," roared Mrs G. "They only lasted 10 bloomin' minutes."

I know hen, it was a shocker.

Don't forget, two of those minutes were the wee cartoon intro bit.

They didn't even mention the line-up or anything and then it was straight on to England.

The Mrs was puzzled. "What you on about? I'm talking about that bowl of nachos you've demolished... didn't even last 10 minutes."

Busted. Not lasting 10 minutes was a recurring theme, that being how long it would have taken the Tartan Armchair Army to start shouting at the telly.

And that was from when the coverage began rather than kick-off.

There were plenty of "for crying out loud" moments last night but the first one landed when ITV host Mark Pougatch told us they'd be right back after the break with the latest from Gareth Southgate's camp.

The FIRST ad break. Come on lads, can you not give us just one night? It's the opening game.

But nah, no chance.

Just when we were getting warmed up with a bit of Scotland chat, a few sights of the scenes in Munich and a bit of build-up at the stadium, it was off we go to see how the Three Lions were getting on a full two days before they even play.

It's like they couldn't wait to get on to England.

Meanwhile the teamsheet was out for the biggest game Scotland have faced in a generation but we were none the wiser.

Talk about having the jam whipped out yer doughnut.

It was a total buzzkill for those of us stuck at home rather than getting wired in over in Germany.

At least those nachos were quality. They weren't part of the plan either, though. The Mrs promised some German-themed grub for the game.

"Erm, I think these are actually Mexican," I helpfully mansplained.

"Do they no' sell nachos in Germany?", she pinged back like a Toni Kroos pass.

Fair point, chuck me the salsa...

Back on the box, the panel of three former SPL players were finally talking about Scotland. I'm sure these guys played elsewhere but, of course, they will be remembered for their time in Scotland.

Graeme Souness made his mark with Rangers – and left a few on opposition shins.

Roy Keane almost cracked a smile when winning the league



LED A MERRY DANCE McGregor and Co face flak after failing to get in the groove like opening ceremony performers

MICHAEL GANNON'S

TARTAN ARMCHAIR

COMMANDER OF THE HOME BATTALION GIVES HIS TV VERDICT



with Celtic. And Ian Wright, erm, had a good view of that night when Inverness Caley Thistle went ballistic.

Still, he was at least trying to sound like he was behind Scotland.

A low-key Souness seemed to sense a thumping was in the air but the former Arsenal man was banging the drum a bit.

Then he had to go and ruin it all by vowing to stick on Lederhosen if England made the final.

Another "for crying out loud" moment. Sure, the pundits were all keen enough but it wasn't exactly in depth. The decision to leave out Billy Gilmour was huge – yet it barely rated a mention. It was all cliches about Scotland having to play out

their skins, do well at set-pieces... all the usual stuff folk roll out when up against big teams.

But hey, here's Lorraine Kelly in a tartan coat for a chat... for crying out loud! By the stage Che Adams was getting called Ched Evans, we were pining for the good old days, aching for the dulcet tones of Archie Macpherson or Jock Brown.

Instead we got Sam Matterface.

We know money is tight and STV might not have wanted to bust the budget when their big brothers were already out there.

Even so, we could really have done with some homegrown home truths last night. Hey, it wasn't all bad. At least we had Ally McCoist to lift

the pre-match mood. The national treasure has been so popular of late, you half expected AC/DC to play the opening ceremony in his honour.

Ally playing the air guitar would have been more entertaining than the actual opening ceremony. It would have been a lot more enjoyable than the actual game turned out.

By the end, even Ally sounded out of energy. No wonder. Everything about last night proved brutal.

It wasn't just the Scotland team, the ITV England chat or even those nachos that lasted barely 10 minutes.

The wee yin in this house is nuclear-powered. Usually we can't get this lassie to bed without threat

or bribery but for once she was being allowed to stay up to watch.

By the time Angus Gunn was going fishing, she was up the stairs, under the duvet and out for the count. No doubt she wasn't the only one.

Gannon junior missed the half-time inquest from the pundits but they didn't miss Scotland. Keane was good value and he didn't pull his punches.

Poor Callum McGregor even got hit with one of the Keano "do your job" catchphrases, while Souness seemed to go from shellshocked to seething. Wright, though, actually looked disappointed for us.

God, that's worse. It would have been better if he'd been laughing. Pity? Gies peace.

A night that started badly got worse by the second and McCoist preferred to wander down memory lane to avoid talking about the present.

Ally's favourite tune is AC/DC's Highway to Hell, which seemed pretty apt last night.



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DREAM GIG The View's Kyle Falconer

Concert, car boot sale and bangers for the dug

WAKING UP at 7am and finding yourself in the middle of a car boot sale is certainly a new experience for me.

No, I didn't fall asleep in a random field after a night out with the Tartan Army.

Unbeknownst to us our fan camp site next to the Olympic Stadium is also the venue for the Friday flea market.

So, as fans emerged from camper vans nursing their hangovers, they were greeted by bemused looks from bargain hunters and stall holders.

And so began our big match build-up.

Thursday night was spent partying at Backstage, the venue for the first appearance of the Tartan Troubadours, featuring Kyle Falconer of The View and Glasvegas.

The gig was everything we'd hoped for - raucous singalongs and a nod from both acts to the occasion with Kyle leading a rendition of Flower of Scotland and Glasvegas choosing Sunshine on Leith.

There were tears, beers and lots of cheers. Glasvegas ended their set with a cover of the Everly Brothers' *All I Have To Do Is Dream* with lead singer James revealing he chose the track especially as everyone in the crowd and on stage hoped their dreams would come true.

Then it was out to the beer garden for another singalong, the staff soon abandoning all hope of stopping people from dancing on the tables while belting out the John McGinn song.

Our night ended back at the camp site with our German neighbours, a BBQ and an unidentified bottle of spirits poured in shot glasses, as well as lots of discussions about team selections and best-ever games.

Our new friend Frank from Hamburg was accompanied by his dog Leia, who doesn't really care who wins as long as she gets a sausage off the BBQ.

That friendship and good humour summed up the trip so far.

Sworn enemies for 90 minutes last night but we'll be friends again this morning before the cavalcade rolls on to Cologne.



SAMMY THE WHAMMY Dunfermline mascot in fan zone, below, as Havertz gives Tierney the runaround



CALM BEFORE THE STORM Fergie with Mourinho pre-match as players shake hands



NEIN, NEIN, NEIN Agony for fans as Wirtz celebrates, right, and Robertson flies forward



MUNICH FRIGHT NIGHT

Rocky horror picture show as the glamour opener turns into real Scotland nightmare



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BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

CAN Scotland stun Australia in the Men's T20 Cricket World Cup early tomorrow?

QUICK QUIZ ?

1. Which EPL ground celebrates its 100th birthday this summer?
2. The Storm, Vixens, Victory and Collingwood are teams in which city?
3. How many NBA championship rings does Michael Jordan have?
4. Who reportedly saw off Jon Lewis to become England women's cricket head coach in 2022?
5. Which sprinter holds British records in both the men's 100m and 200m?
6. Which side plays at Cappielow?
7. Who became the most successful rider in Isle of Man TT history in 2024?
8. In which sport did Team GB win their first winter Olympic gold?
9. Which country has appeared in more men's Euro final tournaments than any other nation?
10. What is the nickname of English darts player Rob Cross?

ON THIS DAY



2015: Mark Warburton was appointed Rangers manager.

TV SPORT



FOOTBALL: Euro 2024, Hungary v Switzerland (STV, 1.15pm), Spain v Croatia (STV, 4.15pm, Italy v Albania (BBC One, 7.20pm).

CRICKET: T20 World Cup, India v Canada (Sky Sports, 3pm), Namibia v England (Sky Sports, 5.30pm), Australia v Scotland (Sky Sports 1am, Sun).

RUGBY UNION: URC semi-final, Munster v Glasgow Warriors (Premier Sports 1, 6pm).

GOLF: US Open (Sky Sports, 3pm).

TENNIS: ATP Stuttgart and ATP/WTA Rosmalen (Sky Sports, 10am).

DARTS: World Series of Darts (ITV4, 6pm).

BOXING: WBO World Cruiserweight title, Chris Billam-Smith v Richard Riakporhe (Sky Sports, 6pm).

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SCREAM OF THE CROP
Christie roars in frustration as Scots flop on the opening night in Germany





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GERMANY



ROAR POWER
Triumphant Musiala
after superb finish to
put Germany 2-0 up



MANUEL NEUER

The veteran keeper hasn't been at his best lately but Scotland have no idea how he's bearing up now given that they simply never came close to testing him. The 39-year-old will rightly look back on his 120th cap as his easiest.

6



JOSHUA KIMMICH

Bayern Munich utility man has shifted back to the right-back from the midfield slot where he has been used of late. But the change made no difference to a Germany side that will now fancy themselves to go far with the backing of their home support.

7



ANTONIO RUDIGER

The Madrid defender was involved in an angry training ground spat with his team-mate Niclas Fullkrug earlier this week but it's all smiles again after the hosts got off to the perfect start. And he even gave the dejected Tartan Army something to cheer with his late own goal.

7



JONATHAN TAH

Strolled the first 45 minutes as Scotland's long-ball ploy of aiming a succession of harmless ball up to Adams simply played into the rugged Leverkusen stopper's strengths. He found the second half was just as easy. Booked for clipping Christie's heels.

7



MAXIMILIAN MITTELSTADT

The Stuttgart defender has been a bit of a surprise package this season, bouncing back after relegation with Hertha Berlin. Scotland should have known all about his threat but instead seemed caught out early on as they allowed him to bomb forward at will.

7



ROBERT ANDRICH

Leverkusen anchorman was a little lucky to escape a booking for an off-the-ball barge on Christie. And when he did have his name taken after catching McTominay, that was the signal for Nagelsmann to whip him off at the interval.

6



TONI KROOS

Six-time Champions League winner hopes to bow out on a high this summer. Keep up like this and there's every chance he'll scoop the only prize he's yet to win. Only had to worry about keeping his feet on slippery turf yet looked like he was playing in his slippers. Switch of play key as he exposed Scotland's narrow midfield set-up.

8



JAMAL MUSIALA

What a player. Scotland had no idea how to handle the Bayern wonderkid as he glided past challenge after challenge. There was no hint of panic as the dark blue jerseys whizzed by him in the box. With a dip of the shoulder he found all the time and space he needed to lace past Gunn.

9



ILKAY GUNDOGAN

The Die Mannschaft skipper is one of the cleverest players around, so adept at finding pockets of space. And it was his cute roll off the back of McGregor that set Germany away for their second. Naglesmann will be relieved he suffered no lasting damage after being wiped out by Porteous.

8



FLORIAN WIRTZ

The Bundesliga player of the year is the hottest property in Europe after his stunning contribution to Leverkusen's Invincible. And he's played a huge part in Scotland's downfall as he lashed home for his 20th goal of an incredible campaign with club and country.

8



KAI HAVERTZ

Germany's false nine has found some genuine scoring form lately with Arsenal and he's carried it into the tournament after coolly slotting his penalty past Gunn. Had already played a part in his team's second with an assist for Musiala.

8

SUBS

Pascal Gross (Andrich 46) 5
Niclas Fullkrug (Havertz 63) 5
Leroy Sane (Wirtz 63) 4
Emre Can (Kroos 80) 4
If Scotland hoped the hosts would go easy in the second half, they'd another thing coming. Fullkrug nearly burst the net with his strike and only a tight offside call denied him a second. Can, called up on the eve of the tournament, was quickly involved with a classy finish.

MANBY MAN

How they rated on a brutal night at the Allianz... Our man Andy



MAULING IN MUNICH



SCOTLAND



ANGUS GUNN

The keeper got a hand to Florian Wirtz's strike but for all it was well struck and in the corner, he'll know he had to keep it out. Things would only get worse for the shell-shocked Scots but Gunn had no chance as Jamal Musiala, Niclas Fullkrug and Emre Can crashed in goals. Went wrong way for Kai Havertz's spot-kick. **3**



ANTHONY RALSTON

Celtic full-back's extra European experience got him the nod over Ross McCrorie but Steve Clarke could have played both and it wouldn't have made a difference. Tried to put the pressure on Max Mittelstadt in the opening minutes but soon realised it was he who should be worried as Germans poured forward. **4**



JACK HENDRY

The Al-Ettifaq stopper won't come up against anything like the Germans in Saudi Arabia. Rode his luck when he fired a pass straight to Wirtz early doors but it was a mistake that the centre back would repeat time and time again as he continually invited pressure with aimless balls out from the back. **3**



RYAN PORTEOUS

Ex-Hibs man looked uncomfortable from the off with the German front four on the swarm. Clarke needed his defenders to keep calm heads but his challenge on Ilkay Gundogan in the box was rash, leaving the ref with no choice but to reach for the red after the replays showed him connecting with an ankle. **2**



KIERAN TIERNEY

Celebrated winning a third-minute throw-in but that was about all Scotland had to cheer on a brutal night before Antonio Rudiger's late gift. In fairness to the Arsenal ace, he was his usual determined self, biting into tackles. Clarke really needed the rest of his backline to do the same. **5**



ANDY ROBERTSON

Made history as he became the first captain to lead out Scotland in 50 matches - but Robertson now faces a huge task picking up his shattered squad for the Switzerland clash. Sucked in narrow as Toni Kroos' huge switch of play exploited the space out wide before the opener. **4**



RYAN CHRISTIE

It was a huge call from Steve Clarke to go with the Bournemouth man instead of Billy Gilmour. Critics will say he it got it wrong after watching the Dark Blues struggle horrendously to retain possession. Christie will at least be relieved his clumsy challenge on Musiala didn't result in an earlier penalty. **5**



CALLUM MCGREGOR

The birthday boy turned 31 last night but he would have been in no mood to celebrate after this sobering defeat. Looked to read the danger and play forward but it was his failure to stop Gundogan spinning into the space behind him that left Scotland wide open for the crucial second. **4**



SCOTT MCTOMINAY

Scotland's qualifying talisman did more than most to book his side's place in Germany with seven priceless strikes. But the Manchester United ace could do nothing to stem the tide on his 50th cap as Die Mannschaft overran the midfield with ease. **4**



JOHN MCGINN

Usually loves nothing more than getting wired into the challenges but this was a night when the Aston Villa man was left chasing shadows. He simply couldn't get near the likes of Kroos and Gundogan as the Germans bossed it in the middle of the park. **4**



CHE ADAMS

Asked to lead the line in Lyndon Dykes' absence but it was a thankless task for the Southampton striker as his team-mates fired a series of long balls over his head. He was sacrificed at the break as Clarke shored up his defence following the sending-off. **4**

SUBS

Grant Hanley (Adams 46)	2
Billy Gilmour (McGregor 67)	2
Kenny McLean (McGinn 67)	2
Scott McKenna (Tierney 77)	2
Lawrence Shankland (Christie 81)	2

It was damage limitation at half-time as Clarke was forced to take off Adams and put on Hanley at centre-back. But unfortunately further pain was in store, with the Norwich stopper caught out as Fullkrug lashed home. McKenna had a hand in OG.

IN MUNICH

Newport gives his verdict on Scotland and Germany





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IAN WRIGHT



"They should have been more resilient. Che Adams should have got closer to Kroos.

"Germany punish you with time on the ball. Fullkrug (fourth goal) has hit that sweet as you like.

"But Angus Gunn should have done better at some

of the goals.

"He wasn't at his best while Germany punished Scotland - and the Germans will get better. Billy Gilmour can play but at the same time you need people up front.

"Shankland can score but you also need mobility up front."

KRIS BOYD



"The referee was left with no option (the penalty against Porteous). It was the correct decision. When you go to close the ball down, fine, fair enough.

"But when you have two feet off the ground, it's always going to be a red card.

"I get the fact that he's eager to go and close the ball down but you can't do that.

"He picked up a few red cards at Hibs in his career before but he seemed to have left that behind.

"Listen, it is a red card and the correct decision."

GRAEME SOUNESS



"Great turn from Gundogan (for the second goal), McGregor is not near him enough there.

"He puts Havertz in, when he pulls it back, he (McGregor) has actually run past him.

"It's scary stuff. My worst fears were Germany get an early foothold and they would get on top of us.

"My worst fears were confounded because we were miserable tonight.

"I don't even know if Germany were good. It might be more down to Scotland being so bad. I am so disappointed.

"The Celtic captain... my goodness."

ROY KEANE



"The players aren't switched on and don't have that intensity (for Germany's first goal).

"People are getting caught out with a square ball on the edge of the box 10 minutes into the game.

"Everyone thinks with five at the back that you

have got plenty of numbers but no one is doing their job. The keeper should save it too, 100 per cent. Scotland were second best at everything - physically, mentally. The difference was chalk and cheese.

"Creating history? They created history by letting the supporters down."

IT was exactly 10 hours before kick-off.

The chimes of the Rathaus Glockenspiel rang around Marienplatz at the New City Hall in the centre of Munich.

Its 43 bells have enchanted visitors for over 100 years.

Yesterday, like every day at 11am, they echoed through the air.

Only punctuated by the faint sound of a Super John McGinn song in the distance.

It felt symbolic. With the streets around the famous clock filled with Saltires, kilts and dark blue shirts, it felt like fate.

This was our time. This HAD to be Scotland's time.

Ding, dong. Ding, dong. The 32 life-sized figures in the tower re-enact stories from Munich's 16th century every day.

But last night? This was surely when Steve Clarke's team wrote their own.

Time, eh? It's a strange thing, cruel at times. And in Munich over the last 48 hours, it was more evident than ever.

This game against Germany in the Allianz Arena should have been a generational marker.

Because for anyone under the age of 35, this was a feeling they'd never experienced before.

In our history, we've only qualified for three European Championships.

The last one wasn't a proper tournament.

But the others - for those old enough to live them - produced iconic moments.

Gary McAllister's penalty miss at Wembley and Ally McCoist's goal against Switzerland at Euro 96.

The 3-0 victory over CIS - and glorious failure - at Euro 92.

Even the Tartan Army foot soldier giving a peck on the cheek to the Swedish cop.

Memories embedded in the minds of Scotland fans, of a certain vintage.

But last night, this Euro 2024 curtain-raiser should have been pivotal for a huge chunk of our football-daft population.

Almost like a changing of the guard.

That's why, all over Munich and inside this stadium, it wasn't just the Tartan Army here.

The old school, grizzled, battle-worn Tartan Army who have been everywhere from Moldova to Mexico over the years.

No, this was different. Wives, kids, families. Ordinary punters.

All decked out in Scotland strips.

Ding, dong. Ding, dong. Was this Scotland's time?

In 2018, according to a Monocle's Quality of Life Survey, Munich was named as the world's most liveable city. Not a single Scotland fan would argue.

For the locals, it must have felt like these supporters had become official residents of the place.

Marienplatz - or Mary's Square - had become their new home.

And the sense of anticipation

Hell's bells as our troops pick the worst time to turn in miserable show

DING DONG... & THEN A DOING



ECSTASY AND AGONY
Scotland fans let off flares and get into party mode at Marienplatz square before the game but Tierney, main, is left gutted after thumping

ANALYSIS

BY SCOTT McDERMOTT IN MUNICH



was palpable. Incredibly, it was 50 years to the day since, arguably, our best ever Scottish team opened up our 1974 World Cup campaign in this country with a win over Zaire.

Unbeaten in our group. The outcome? Still went out on goal difference.

But half a century on? This was going to be different, right?

Even one of our greatest sons, Sir Alex Ferguson, was feeling it

judging by his pre-match message on the big screen.

Ding, dong. Ding, dong. Could it really be Scotland's time?

After all, this is a new group of players. A golden generation? No.

But a tartan one, certainly.

Spearheaded by the likes of Billy Gilmour. Our poster boy.

Yet before kick-off, while every Scotland fan had a smile as wide as the Clyde, our midfield maestro

trudged into the Allianz with his face tripping him.

Who could blame him? It was a brave call from the manager to leave him out.

But that's what we needed. Courage. Especially on the ball, which Gilmour is brilliant at.

And early on here, it was clear that Clarke's decision was about to backfire spectacularly.

Never mind the Glockenspiel. Never mind the bagpipes. By half-time, the Tartan Army might as well have got the violins out.

Bang. Florian Wirtz for 1-0 Germany. Bang. Jamal Musiala rifles home a second.

And bang. Ryan Porteous is off and Kai Havertz makes it three. It

MAULING IN MUNICH



GERMAN EFFICIENCY
Kroos, Muller and Neuer have a laugh after their triumph

“
We should have known better than to believe.. time has told us that it's foolish
”

was about as bad as it possibly could be. Dire stuff. Men against boys. Three going on six or seven. All in the space of 45 minutes. Time eh? Looking back, we should have known better.

To build up our hopes, to be gripped by optimism. To think of the last 16 at a major tournament. To believe.

Time has told us that it's foolish and, unfortunately, for Clarke and his players – it was the same story last night.

With 10 men, it was about damage limitation. Niclas Fullkrug's strike to make it 4-0 was almost a token gesture.

By the time Thomas Muller was being prepared to come off the

bench for the Germans, you were just praying for it all to end.

And those pangs of disappointment deep in the pit of your stomach never get any easier to bear, do they?

It's as sore as it's always been. And you know the worst bit this time? The whole of Europe was expecting better.

It wasn't just Scottish fans' blind faith. After a sterling qualification campaign, other countries actually rated us.

They must have sat in front of their TVs last night wondering what all the fuss was about.

And a late Toni Rudiger own goal didn't change that.

All it did was give that long-



BIG CALL Gilmour was left out

suffering support a reason to make some noise.

And annoy the Germans, of course, who added a fifth through Emre Can.

When the chimes at New City Hall finish this morning, a golden rooster will chirp quietly three times. Maybe for once, they should do five – for each of Germany's goals.

Ding, dong. Ding, dong. This was supposed to be OUR time.

Instead, an entire nation is left waiting again. For how long, who knows? The Swiss, who know all about clocks, are up next on Wednesday. Then it's Hungary in Stuttgart on Sunday.

Ah, maybe next time Scotland. Just don't set your watch for it.

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Hotline



IT'S THE morning after the night before in Germany and our brave boys Keith Jackson and Scott McDermott are on their way back to Scotland's base camp in Garmisch-Partenkirchen after last night's horror show in Munich. Jacko and Scotty (or Jacko and Victor as they are now known) are keeping us right up to date on Hotline Live and were joined last night by whispering



Gavin Berry. Our new video show is coming to you live at 6pm every week night with big opinions and even bigger laughs as Scotland take part in their first overseas major tournament for 26 years. They'll be back live on Monday with another episode to pick over the bones of last night's dismal result at the Allianz.

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GLORY BID Skipper Mbappe

Mbappe is all set for glory in Germany

BY ALEX RICHARDS

KYLIAN MBAPPE is out to complete an international hat-trick.

The France skipper has already won the World Cup and Nations League and now wants to add the Euros to the set.

The man who is widely considered to be the best player on the planet was handed the armband for his country when Hugo Lloris retired after the 2022 World Cup final.

Some, particularly Antoine Griezmann, weren't overly happy.

But the move made sense and a once rocky relationship with some of his team-mates has been smoothed over and the team has increasingly been built to get the best out of its undoubted superstar.

What is asked of Mbappe in return is that, in the big moments when his country needs him, he steps up, just like he did in the World Cup Final in Qatar, becoming only the second man after Geoff Hurst to score a hat-trick in football's biggest game.

He doesn't, however, look back on that day with any particular fondness, after losing out to Lionel Messi and Argentina.

And he doesn't want to feel like that again.

He said: "Of course we were hurt, to see that you're close to back to back, something amazing.

"Everybody loved the game except for us. We didn't like that.

"But I won the World Cup, I won the Nations League, this is the only one that missed me."

With a deep squad and Mbappe to the fore, France are favourites for a reason.

Their recent form has been patchy, winning just two of their last five matches. But few would bet against a squad that has reached the final at three of the last four major tournaments.



Skipper says Scotland will be fuming for 24 hours then it's back to work for Switzerland crunch

Hands up.. we

THE emotions are still raw for Andy Robertson. Anger. Anguish. Crushing disappointment. The lot.

The Scotland skipper knows this one can't just be shrugged off or swept under the carpet.

This wasn't the friendly loss to the Auld Enemy.

It wasn't a bounce-game beating by France or a weird thumping by Holland after an hour of nice stuff.

This was the real thing. Scotland's big moment on the main stage and he knows it didn't go all right on the night.

The opposite, in fact.

Scotland fluffed their lines, bumped into the set and ripped the back of their breeks in front of the watching world.

And Robertson refused to

BY MICHAEL GANNON

make excuses. Losing to Germany on the opening night would not have been a disgrace.

But there are ways to lose – and this wasn't it.

Scotland started badly and got worse. The fact the second half wasn't even more of a blood bath following Ryan Porteous red card was something of a relief.

Robbo admitted it's going to take some time to get this out of the system – but they can't take too long with Switzerland up next and a heck of a lot of making up to do.

The skipper said: "We'll take tomorrow to be angry and disappointed, Then we will try to be positive and go again.

"Maybe it's a reminder about how tough this tournament

is. Obviously last time it was different but you are playing against world-class teams.

"They showed that, their big players showed up all over the park.

"They made it difficult for us and had an answer for pretty much everything we had.

"Sometimes that happens but I don't think we played to our maximum – which you have to do against pot one teams.

"We have to dust ourselves down. We have five days to sort ourselves out because it will be another tough test against Switzerland."

Maybe it's too raw for all of us because the feeling right now is of dread.

All that excitement, all that anticipation, all up in smoke

inside the opening 20 minutes in Munich.

It would be easy to write it off as just levels. Germany are better than Scotland and this is what can happen.

Sure, that would be the cop out.

But this Scotland side is capable of so much more than they showed at the Allianz last night.

One shot on goal was all Steve Clarke's men managed.

One – on or off target – and it was the one that cannoned off a Germany head and spun into the net for a consolation.

Not a corner, not a dig blocked, nothing.

The Germans had 20 attempts on goal, 10 on target and five in the back of our net.

Scotland managed just TWO

touches in the opposition penalty box all night.

Blimey, this was a painful doing.

You can argue about the quality of the movement and passing of the Germans.

Sure enough, they were sensational at times.

There had been talk about the host nation being under pressure. It didn't look it.

If anything, they have put the rest of the favourites for this tournament on notice with that display.

Yet Scotland didn't even do the stuff we used to take for granted. We made it too easy for them to look like world beaters. The chasing, the harassing, they good old fashioned getting wired in.

Too often, they sat back and

MAULING IN MUNICH

BUNCH OF FIVES
Skipper Robertson
appeals in vain on night
when it all goes wrong

FIVE TALKING POINTS

THIS WAS WURST POSSIBLE START

ALL the hype and the build-up, then THAT. The Tartan Army had waited so long for this moment to travel abroad for a major tournament. They have partied all week but their hangovers will be bad this morning with the sobering realisation that the prospect of this team making history as the first to reach the knockout stage of a major tournament is now looking ever more unrealistic.

HYPE CAN START AROUND GERMANS

YES, Scotland were dreadful and made life easy for them but they sent out a statement to those who have been saying this German side isn't that great. They had lost their last three opening games at major tournaments and crashed out of the 2022 World Cup at the group stage. A year ago they were in disarray but they might just be viewed as more serious title contenders now after this romp.

WE NEED REASON TO BELIEVE NOW

STEVE CLARKE dismissed the "Negative Normans" beforehand. But the pessimism comes from what's been seen in recent times. It's now one win in 10 games - and that was against Gibraltar in Faro. It's the worst run of any nation at Euro 2024. That's why there is negativity creeping in and Scotland need to get back to the form they showed in the first half of the qualifying campaign. Quickly.

JUST CALL HIM ROPEY RALSTON

CLARKE has been hit by huge injury issues and right-back was one of the worst affected areas with both Aaron Hickey and Nathan Patterson being forced to withdraw from the squad. It left Clarke with very limited options. Anthony Ralston got the nod. It was a torrid night for the Celtic man with Florian Wirtz causing all sorts of problems. A harsh lesson learned against one of the world's emerging talents.

SWISS MISS IS NOT AN OPTION NOW

SOME might have viewed last night as a free hit. But the manner of the performance has cranked up the pressure ahead of a game that was arguably always going to the most important - against Switzerland. Hungary qualified unbeaten and are the section's form side. Scotland need to step up against the Swiss, the last team we beat in a major tournament at Euro 96, and all eyes will now be on Cologne.

**THAT'S GER
LOT** Rudiger
own goal is late
consolation as,
above, Clarke
and McGinn stew

we were terrible

admired. The anger being felt in the camp this morning could have been done with last night.

The gaffer looked deflated by the end. Clarke gave the Negative Normans a hard time in the build up but there wasn't little to get positive about in Munich.

Clarke said: "I thought Germany were outstanding. Unfortunately we couldn't match them.

"The first half ran away from us very quickly. We didn't give ourselves a foothold in the game. Defensively we weren't very good, we weren't very good with the ball and it end up a disappointing night.

"The 10 men in the second half worked hard "What we need to do is still in front of us. It's all about reactions so let's

see how we react. Four points is still the target."

Clarke has to be careful not to add to the players pain and he needs them to go again.

The skipper is not a man to sugar-coat a defeat like this though and he admitted the opening period was a nightmare.

Robertson said: "First half we got it all wrong. We didn't show up, we weren't aggressive enough and let their good players get on the ball.

"They obviously had a game plan. We did too, but there's obviously worked better than ours.

"It wasn't about the practice, it was just we didn't put it together on the pitch like you have to on occasions like this.

"Second half we were down

to 10 men and I thought the lads dug in, to be fair to them. We lost a sloppy goal at the end but we could have drawn the second half.

"It's no consolation. We've got so many supporters here and today was hugely disappointing.

"We are playing against the host nation and it doesn't get much tougher than that.

"But we have to bounce back quickly because there were a lot of things wrong out there and it's a quick turnaround to Switzerland."

Germany manager Julian Nagelsmann was a delighted man afterwards,

ON THE KT Kieran Tierney trudges off dejected at the end



saying: "I'm happy, I'm satisfied, it's not easy to have the first game in our own country.

"We were brilliant in the first 20 minutes, I was happy with the performance.

"We conceded but at the end it's OK, it's a good sign that our players complained about conceding.

"I was kind of surprised that Scotland weren't that aggressive in first 20 minutes. I think they were surprised by our ball possession, it was very concentrated.

"They then defended deeper and didn't high press as they have in the qualifying games at times."



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RED ROTTEN Porteous is sent packing, below, for horror tackle, left, while Christie fouls Musiala on edge of box, above



IN A RIGHT JAM German kid Jamal Musiala delivers a killer blow to Steve Clarke's side as he gets away from Callum McGregor and Scott McTominay in the box to blast the second past a helpless Angus Gunn

THE TRUTH HURTZ

Scots are outclassed by Flo and Co

GOING WITH THE FLO Florian Wirtz celebrates after firing Germany into early lead



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THE STATS

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2	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	1

WE could be kind to Steve Clarke and his players and put it all down to stage fright.

Or simply attempt to sum up the whole nightmarish experience as a soul-crushing, pride-swallowing, disappointment.

But nobody would buy it. Or at least not anyone who had the stomach to watch this catastrophic opening-night butchering to its ultimate and inevitable conclusion.

The truth is, this beating was more savage than even the scoreline suggests.

It was an embarrassment bordering on a national humiliation.

And worst of all, as good as the Germans were – and they were infuriatingly rampant – it was also largely self-inflicted.

On the very night that the world tuned in to see what Clarke and his vastly improved team are really all about, the manager and his players took it in turn to malfunction and lose sight of the very attributes which had brought them onto this stage in the first place.

It was a truly hideous watch. An agonisingly one-sided ordeal of a football match as Florian Wirtz started the rout, Jamal Musiala added to it and Kai Havertz made it three before half-time.

Substitute Niclas Fullkrug put the hosts 4-0 up in the second half and was denied a fifth by an offside ruling before Antonio Rudiger took pity on us and stuck one into the roof of his own net.

This was Scotland's only effort on target all night.

But this pummelling was completed in added time when another German sub, this time Emre Can, fired home from distance.

And, over the course of 90 traumatic minutes, it robbed the country of the last fumes of the feel good factor which Clarke had stuck in Scotland's tank by taking us all here.

Indeed, the longer it went on, the more it all felt like a seriously bad idea going to all this bother, amid such misplaced anticipation.

It was hard enough for the Tartan Army foot soldiers with tickets to get

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KEITH JACKSON AT THE ALLIANZ ARENA



into the Allianz Arena in the first place given that UEFA's organisation outside was also utterly chaotic.

They're making a habit of it, seemingly without learning any lessons.

But then, the same could be said for Scotland.

Because, when the Tartan Army did breach the perimeters to get inside, they discovered another potential error of judgment was waiting there for them.

Even worse, this one was all Clarke's doing.

The manager had one major call to make and, in doing so, he left Billy Gilmour on the bench to make room for Ryan Christie.

Even before a ball had been kicked, it seemed a mystifyingly risky call and no one looked more befuddled by it than Christie.

Rather than deploy Gilmour in the interests of holding onto the ball, he opted for someone better suited to chasing around after it in the hope that Christie's forward running power might do the Germans greater damage. It was a monumental miscalculation.

Elsewhere, Anthony Ralston got the nod at right-back and Ryan Porteous was at the heart of Scotland's three-man defence.

All big decisions, admittedly, but not in the same ball park as leaving Gilmour on the sidelines.

Still, the volcanic din which greeted the first sighting of Scotland's players emerging for their warm-up suggested that spirits had not been too badly burned.

By the time the anthems were being belted out, after the fireworks of the opening ceremony and the emotion of a tribute to Franz Beckenbauer, the place had taken on its own life form.

And it was about to eat this Scotland side alive.

Clarke's players froze as if overcome and paralysed by stage fright.

Yes, in the opening minutes Gunn saved one from Wirtz when the dangerman had darted in behind.

Porteous then did well to stop the Bayer Leverkusen man getting through again and Kieran Tierney provided crucial cover when Musiala outstripped Andy Robertson.

But the tone had been set.

Scotland were being taken apart and resorting to the aimless, long ball, hit and hope tactics which left such a scar on their last opening night in the Euros against the Czech Republic.

It was the same old dross. The wrong team, the wrong tactics and at precisely the wrong time.

That it took 10 minutes for the first goal to arrive was really the only surprise.

That it was scored so easily was no shock at all.

Toni Kroos was afforded time and space to zip a 50-yard crossfield ball into the feet of Joshua Kimmich.

The full-back was allowed to bring it down without being harassed by Robertson before picking out Wirtz on the edge of the box.

Remarkably, he wasn't closed down either as he wrapped a shot towards goal which Gunn should have saved but fisted in off the post.

It was 2-0 in 18 minutes when Ralston lost Havertz as the Arsenal man dashed into Scotland's box.

His lay-off teed up Musiala and a split second later it was crashing high into Gunn's net.

Scotland survived a penalty scare soon after when Christie clattered into a stupid tackle on Musiala only to be spared by VAR.

But the spot-kick did eventually come on the stroke of half-time when Porteous reverted to bad old habits and launched into a two-footed tackle on Ilkay Gundogan which could have broken the Barcelona man's ankle.

This time the replays were used as evidence for the prosecution.

Porteous was shown a straight red card and Havertz sent Gunn the wrong way from the spot.

It was becoming excruciating now but, in truth, Scotland were lucky to go inside at the break

only three goals and one man down. Clarke, perhaps from stubbornness, only made one change at the interval.

He replaced Adams with Grant Hanley and asked Christie to lead the line even though he seemed shell-shocked and shot of all confidence.

It was now only a matter of trying to limit the damage the hosts were inflicting.

That too looked like a long shot, especially when Wirtz and Havertz were replaced by Leroy Sane and Fullkrug for the last half hour, with both looking to get their teeth into a badly bloodied victim.

It took the latter just six minutes to take a bite, latching onto Hanley's stumble to rifle home from 16 yards.

Seconds earlier, but lamentably too late, Clarke had sent on Gilmour for Callum McGregor with Kenny McLean replacing John McGinn.

Those looked like changes made with Wednesday in mind – when we face Switzerland in Cologne – even if, right now, it feels like a fairly pointless, hopeless exercise.

There was the minor relief of Fullkrug being denied a quick-fire second goal when the computer caught him half a yard offside and, mercifully, said no to Germany's fifth.

Four minutes from time, there was the consolation of Scott McKenna's header being deflected into his own net by Rudiger.

But the token joy didn't last long before Can beat Gunn with another shot which the keeper couldn't reach.

The fact is Scotland's Euros are not yet over, even if this did feel very much like the end of the world.



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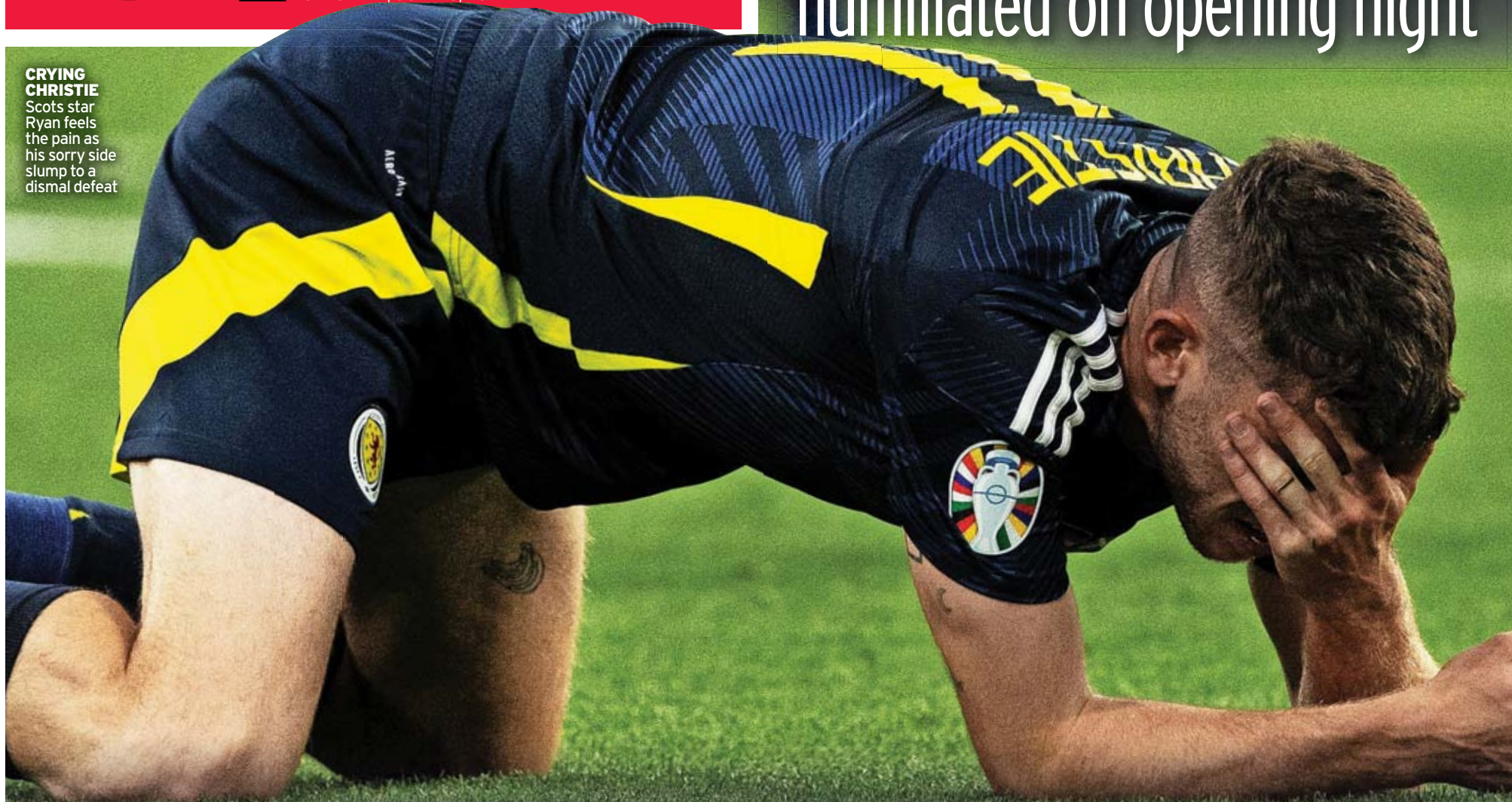
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Sorry Scots suffer a mauling in Munich as Clarke's men are humiliated on opening night

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Scots star Ryan feels the pain as his sorry side slump to a dismal defeat



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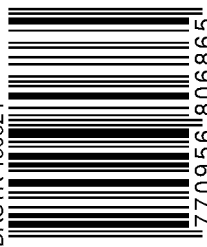
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SPIRAL ASCOT SWITCH

BY DAVID YATES

INSPIRAL is William Hill's 4-1 third favourite for the Prince Of Wales's Stakes after Wednesday's feature was confirmed as her Royal Ascot target.

The John and Thady Gosden-trained mare began the week as the 2-1 market leader for the one-mile Queen Anne Stakes on Tuesday, the opening day.

But Gosden snr warned Inspiral, who carried the colours of the Cheveley Park Stud to victory in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf over a mile and a quarter at Santa Anita last November, could re-route to the longer race.

And the stud's managing
TURN TO PUNTER 2



York sprint success in Fahey's sights as speedster Condor set to go one better

BY GARRY OWEN

ZIGGY'S CONDOR (3.35) can sprinkle stardust for Richard Fahey in the Macmillan Sprint Handicap at York.

The speedster looked a smart prospect when bolting up from **Sleven** on debut at Pontefract last July.

He backed up that effort the following month when chasing home **Dragon Leader** over course and distance.

The gelding put in another fine shift when third to **The**
TURN TO PUNTER 2



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Fahey is in frame

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INSPIRAL IS SENT UP IN DISTANCE

FROM PUNTER FRONT director Chris Richardson said: "We know, following her impressive performance in the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita last year, she relished every yard of that sharp 10 furlongs.

"I was thinking the Juddmonte International at York might have been when we would step her up. "But she's been showing she's ready for a step up sooner than we thought."

The five-year-old was fourth to Queen Anne Stakes-bound stablemate Audience, carrying the Cheveley Park Stud's second colours at 22-1, when making her return to action in the Lockinge over a mile at Newbury

four weeks ago. And Richardson added: "The Lockinge was a good starting point and she's certainly come on for her debut this year. Audience has the ability and I hope he will dispel any thoughts his win in the Lockinge was a bit of a fluke."

A "hit and miss" weather forecast is making going predictions difficult for Ascot clerk of the course Chris Stickels ahead of the five-day Royal fixture.

The ground is good to firm, good in places but Stickels said: "The forecasters don't have a high level of confidence in predicting how much rainfall we are going to get and when we'll get it."



Balding's charge is a Relentless one with Grand Cup his latest notch on road back from Royal Ascot flop

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FROM PUNTER FRONT

Coffee Pod returned to the Knivesmire last September.

He was agonisingly defeated by **Diligent Resdev** on his return over seven furlongs back here a month ago today.

The son of **Havana Grey** will be primed so ought to extend his trainer's terrific run down a furlong.

The Musley Bank handler looks poised to double up with **INTERNATIONAL GIRL** (5.20) in the lucky last.

The sprinter was an eye-catching fourth to **Radio Goo Goo** on her comeback at Ripon last month.

The filly built on that effort when comfortably disposing of **Abate** back at the Yorkshire venue 10 days ago.

The six-year-old likes this venue so can add a better event to his tally despite a 4lb penalty.

PIECEDERESISTANCE (1.50) looks flawless for handler Micky Hammond in the Queen

GARRY OWEN'S VERDICT

Mother's Cup. The gelding took a while to match his decisive defeat of **Colinton** at Pontefract back in July 2022.

However, he hit back with a superb second to **Dancing In Paris** in a hot event over track and trip last month.

The six-year-old remains fairly treated so should land another trappy event for his shrewd yard.

NEW IMAGE (2.25) can turn on the style for David O'Meara in the Sky Bet Handicap.

The gelding relished tackling seven furlongs when comfortably beating **Swiss Ace** at Southwell in April.

He then appeared desperately unlucky to finish only fourth behind **Diamondonthehill** and **Yorkshire** in last month's dead heat at Thirsk.

The four-year-old gained due compensation when hosing up from **Judgment Call** a fortnight ago at Musselburgh. The bay

scored with plenty in hand that day so ought to defy a 4lb hike and tricky draw up in class.

RELENTLESS VOYAGER (3.0) should chart a course to victory in the Sky Bet Grand Cup.

Andrew Balding's charge found Group Two level too much in the Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot 12 months ago.

However, he looked to be on the way back when third to **Maxi King** on his return at Newmarket last month.

The colt put that run to good use when hacking up from **Ziggy** in the Northern Dancer at Epsom a fortnight ago.

The bay was staying on strongly so can make a winning return to Listed company over near enough 1m 6f.

U SURE DO (4.10) looks the real deal for Tim Easterby in the Ebfstallions.Com Maiden.

The juvenile outran odds of 125-1 when just denied by **Dubai**

Bling on debut at Haydock nine days ago.

The colt showed genuine ability that day so should prove the performance was no fluke.

TITAN ROCK (4.45) can stand tall for John and Sean Quinn in the competitive Ice Co Handicap.

In fair form last season, the gelding seemed to lose his way on the all-weather last winter.

The six-year-old improved for a return to turf when chinning **Look Back Smiling** at Thirsk last month.

The bay goes well at this track so should shrug off a reasonable 3lb rise under Jason Hart.

CRYSTAL FLYER (1.30) has a clear chance for Tom Ward in the opener at Sandown.

The filly stayed 1m 2f extremely well when caning **Candle Of Dubai** in a Goodwood novice last month.

That was a strong contest so the three-year-old should cash in on an attractive opening mark.

DUAL IDENTITY (2.05) can



TRIP TO REMEMBER Relentless Voyager can deliver for Balding, far left, while Easterby, top, and O'Meara, above, are also eyeing wins

romp to his fourth course win in the talkSPORT Handicap.

Willie Knight's horse could not be considered disgraced when fifth to **Crystal Delight** over 1m 2f at Epsom in April.

He soon resumed winning ways by cosily denying **Magic Memories** dropped in trip here last month.

That race is working out well so the bay ought to make light of a 4lb rise for his thriving yard.

NO HALF MEASURES (2.40) can go the distance for Richard Hughes in the Scurry Stakes.

The filly opened her account with an impressive defeat of **Dubai Hills** at Lingfield in March. She then stayed upwardly mobile by comfortably defeating **Beveragino** at Wolverhampton the following month.

The three-year-old was even better when thrashing **Mc Loven** switched to turf at Goodwood last month.

The speedster has a bright future so looks set to take this

promotion to Listed level in her stride. **MOUNT TEIDE** (3.15) can hit the heights for team Balding in the Golden Goals Handicap.

The three-year-old left his debut form behind when edged out by **Monkey Island** last month at Newbury.

The gelding raised his game again when bolting up from the promising **Swindon** at Chepstow 15 days ago.

The Kingsclere raider scored with plenty in hand so should capitalise on an inviting mark.

HOT FASHION (4.25) can turn on the style for Ralph Beckett in the BetMGM Handicap.

The filly gave the exciting **Kathmandu** a fright when last seen at Southwell in November.

The three-year-old has been given time to develop so stands to go one better back on turf.

James Owen remains in form so it's worth throwing support behind **CAVERN CLUB** (5.0) in the staying handicap.

The gelding was saw off **Oman**

on debut for his handler at Chester last month.

The four-year-old was doing all his best work late so seems poised to prevail upped almost two furlongs.

HOSANNA POWER (2.45) looks simply divine for Sir Michael Stoute at Chester.

The four-year-old savoured a personal best when outbattling James Fanshawe's **Cracksking** at Newbury last month.

The gelding was professional so should follow up for a handler who excels here.

BLUE PRINCE (3.20) can shade the Horseradish Events Handicap for David Evans.

The gelding showed signs of a revival when third to **Diligent Resdev** at York last month.

He put in another cracking shift when filling the same spot behind **Qirat** at Goodwood 10 days later.

The three-year-old still lurks on a workable mark so should regain the winning thread.

GARRY OWEN'S SUNDAY VERDICT



LEGACY OF SUCCESS Stoute boasts a belter with Fox in 5.15

ED'S PAB HAND AT SERIES WIN

PABORUS (4.15) looks primed to maintain Ed Bethell's magnificent run in the Sunday Series at Thirsk.

The three-year-old continued his relentless rise by slamming **Jonny Concrete** at Carlisle. The gelding has a bright future in handicaps so should deny some promising opponents.

Richard Fahey is also flying so **FINAL ANGEL** (3.45) gets the nod in the novices' contest. The two-year-old was an eye-catching third behind **Larchill Lass** on debut at Carlisle. That is excellent form so the filly should open her account at the second time of asking.

MEZZO SOPRANO (4.45) can hit the high notes in the Sky Bet Fillies' Handicap.

Simon and Ed Crisford's horse kept her unbeaten record intact by caning **Giant** at Kempton. The four-year-old could be Group class so can cash in on a decent mark.

FOX LEGACY (5.15) should give his rivals the slip for Sir Michael Stoute. The colt was unlucky to meet **Matsuri** on his first try over 1m 2f at Leicester.

The three-year-old was staying on strongly so ought to go one better upped in trip.

FAIR WIND (5.45) can breeze to victory for Owen Burrows in the sprint. The gelding put in a personal best when chinning **Dream Composer** at Goodwood.

That race is working out well so the grey stands to make light of a 6lb penalty. Jim Goldie targets these meetings so let's row in with **LETSBEFRANK** (6.15).

The gelding finally got his act together when

hammering **Real Terms** at Hamilton. The bay wasn't stopping at the end of a stiff 1m 3f so stands to strike again up in trip.

SECRET COMMAND (6.45) should take control for Adrian Nicholls in the lucky last. The three-year-old improved again when outbattling **Lady Of The Garr** at Catterick.

The speedster showed a willing attitude so can shrug off a 4lb hike up in grade.

ORBITAL (2.25) looks out of this world for Sir Mark Prescott at Salisbury. The filly left some tepid efforts behind when chinning **Never Mind Me** at Chelmsford.

The three-year-old may be even better on turf so can follow up for her top yard.

SNUGGLE (2.55) looks a warm order for Luke Dace in the Jeffrey Handicap.

The sprinter stayed in peak form when a cracking second to **Tiriatic** at Windsor.

The gelding still lurks on an attractive mark so ought to claim a weaker contest.

NEVER DREAM (3.25) can show he's the real deal for Marcus Tregoning.

The three-year-old beat **Sonmarg** at Goodwood. The gelding was value for more than the half-length verdict so can defy a 5lb rise.

EL MADAR (4.0) can make a winning debut in the Walwyn Novices' Stakes.

Charlie Hills' well-bred juvenile appeals on paper ahead of his debut.

EJAABIYAH (4.30) is hard to oppose in the Darley Novices' Stakes with Roger Varian's filly able to build on her cracking second to **Diamond Rain** at Newbury.

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THE first ITV race today comes from York with the Queen Mother's Cup (1.50) for lady amateur riders where William Hill have a Top Price Guarantee.

The worst result on the book is **CHASE THE DOLLAR**, who has shortened into 14-1 from 22-1 in the betting.

In the 2.25 handicap, **BOARDMAN**'s mark continues to plummet and that has caught punters' attention as Tim Easterby's (below) ace is now available at 9-1 from 16-1.

The Listed Grand Cup (3.00) is a tough puzzle to solve despite there only being six runners, with **RELENTLESS VOYAGER**, **KLONDIKE** and **REAL DREAM** all vying for favouritism, with the first-mentioned probably weakest of the trio in the market, having

drifted out to 11-4 from 5-2.

POCKLINGTON and **ZIGGY'S CONDOR** are two who have attracted support in the 3.35 handicap and are now priced at 7-1 and 15-2 respectively, having both opened at 9-1.

At Sandown, one of the best-backed horses has been **MASCAPONE** (8-1 from 12-1), who is set to make only his second start in two years in the 2.05.

The Listed Scurry Stakes (2.40) has **ADAAY IN DEVON** as a solid favourite at 2-1 but **GRACEFUL THUNDER** and **SYMBOLGY** have both been nibbled at by punters in the market.

Attention turns to Royal Ascot next week and we've already seen a few movers in the markets. None more so than **FRANCISCO'S PIECE** in the Coventry, who is now just 8-1 having been as big as a whopping 25-1 a few days ago.

Elsewhere, **HENRY LONGFELLOW** has shortened to 3-1 from 11-2 for the St James's Palace, while **WHITE BIRCH** is now 2-1 from 3-1 for the Prince Of Wales's Stakes.

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GARRY OWEN		PA
1.50	PIECEDERESISTANCE	ARRANGE
2.25	NEW IMAGE	YANIFER
3.00	RELENTLESS VOYAGER	SALT BAY
3.35	ZIGGY'S CONDOR (NAP)	GARFIELD SHADOW
4.10	U SURE DO	EPICURIAN LAD
4.45	TITAN ROCK	BOY DOUGLAS
5.20	INTERNATIONAL GIRL	TIRIAC

1.50 QUEEN MOTHER'S CUP HANDICAP (FEMALE AMATEUR JOCKEYS) (3) Winner £12,222 (18 run) 1m 3f 188yds

1	151339	ANDALEEP (29) (T)	8 10-9
(5)		D & C Kubler (C,D)	
		Miss B Hampson	90
2	441666	BARYSHNIKOV (16)	8 10-4
(18)		D & N Barron	
		Miss A Keighley	85
3	112-94	ARRANGE (31)	6 10-3
(4)		M Todhunter (D)	
		Miss J Townend	84
4	7-7013	CHASE THE DOLLAR (10)	6 10-3
(14)		D Loughnane (D)	
		Miss K McComam (7)	84
5	2810-0	CARDANO (31) (P,T)	8 10-2
(7)		B Brookhouse (D ³)	
		Miss M Jordan	83
6	84-155	LORD MELBOURNE (15)	4 9-13
(9)		R Beckett	
		Miss Serena Brotherton	80
7	935830	TOSHIZOU (13)	6 9-13
(1)		R Fell & S Murray	
		Miss Amy Collier	80
8	105-70	THUNDERING (31)	5 9-13
(16)		K Ryan (D)	
		Miss Olive Nicholls	80
9	310-79	QUEEN OF SEDUCTION (13) (P)	5 9-12
(8)		G T Hourigan (IRE) (D ²)	
		Miss A Hourigan (7)	79
10	06-625	CHILLHI (21)	4 9-12
(12)		B Ellison	
		Miss S Bowen	79
11	5756-2	PIECEDERESISTANCE (31) (H)	6 9-8
(6)		M Hammond	
		Miss Becky Smith	75
12	12605175	MY LITTLE QUEENS (13)	6 9-7
(13)		R Fahey (BF)	
		Miss C Brooks (5)	74
13	308-00	GREEN TEAM (36) (T)	5 9-7
(2)		I Williams	
		Miss K Martin (7)	74
14	46-789	HALIPHON (15) (P)	7 9-6
(15)		I Williams (C,D)	
		Miss I Oliver (7)	73
15	5-5223	WHIMSY (12)	5 9-5
(10)		A McCann (IRE) (D)	
		Miss A B O'Connor	72
16	256-81	GIBSIDE (7)	5 9-4
(11)		T Easterby (CD)	
		Mrs Emily Roberts	71
17	-07831	SOUTHERN VOYAGE (15)	6 9-4
(17)		R Fahey (D ⁴)	
		Miss L Teal (5)	71
18	2213	STAR JASMINE (13)	3 9-1
(3)		G Boughey	
		Miss Sophie Smith	83

BETTING: 11-2 Star Jasmine, 7 Arrange, 8 Lord Melbourne, Piecederesistance, Gb-side, 10 Southern Voyage, Whimsy, 12 Chase The Dollar, Baryshnikov, My Little Queens, 14 Others.

2023: KIHAVAH 6 10-6, Miss J Townend 11-4 Fav (A Keatley), drawn (6), 15 ran.
ANDALEEP 12-1 (9-2, W Buick) Dwelt in rear, pushed along 1f out, never nearer, 9th of 16, 81 behind Botanical (9-8) at York 1m 21f hcp 0-100 (2) gd in May 2m 09.24s.
BARYSHNIKOV 4-1 (9-5, Connor Beasley) Towards rear, pushed along 3f out, soon not much room, kept on inside final furlong, never nearer, 6th of 8, 3 1/2 behind Trian (8-12) at Filton 1m 21f hcp 0-90 (3) st in May 2m 09.73s.
ARRANGE 12-1 (9-9, D Nolan) Raced wide in touch, pushed along 3f out, headway over 1f out, ridden and stayed on towards finish, 4th of 20, 5l behind Dancing In Paris (8-13) at York 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 2m 33.58s.
CHASE THE DOLLAR 14-1 (8-9, Connor Planas) Slowly into stride, soon recovered tracking leaders, went 2nd over 10f out, led 10f out, ridden and headed inside final 2f, lost 2nd inside final furlong, kept on in 3rd, 3rd of 8, 2l behind Cracksking (9-0) at Kempton 1m 4f hcp 0-95 (3) pol 2m 33.80s.
CARDANO 33-1 (9-9, C Lee) Towards rear, ridden over 3f out, never on terms, 17th of 20, 22l behind Dancing In Paris (8-13) at York 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 2m 33.58s.
LORD MELBOURNE 11-1 (7-13, Tyler Heard) Held up in touch in mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, switched right and widest of all when running on inside final furlong, not reach leaders, 5th of 13, 2 1/2l behind Bolster (9-8) at Epsom Downs 1m 21f hcp (2) gs in May 2m 12.07s.
TOSHIZOU 12-1 (8-12, S H James) Led early, prominent, ridden 3f out, weakened over 10f, 10th of 12, 12l behind Dark Moon Rising (8-11) at Hamilton 1m 5f hcp 0-95 (3) gd 2m 48.11s.
THUNDERING 12-1 (9-6, S H James) Midfield, pushed along 3f out, ridden and weakened over 1f out, 16th of 20, 20l behind Dancing In Paris (8-13) at York 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 2m 33.58s.
QUEEN OF SEDUCTION 10-1 (10-7, Miss A Hourigan) Slowly away and slightly detached, closed up on field after 3f, 9th halfway, weakened over 1f out, never a factor, 9th of 10, 22l behind Enniskerry (11-0) at Listowel 1m 5f am stks (4yo+) gd 3m 03.62s.
CHILLHI 9-2 (9-4, Ben Robinson) Led, headed 3f out, pushed along and weakened 2f out, last of 5, 8l behind Cavern Club (9-4) at Chester 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May 2m 48.92s.
PIECEDERESISTANCE 11-1 (8-12, Billy Garrity) Keen close up, ridden to chase leader over 1f out, stayed on one pace inside final furlong, 2nd of 20, 3l behind Dancing In Paris (8-13) at York 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 2m 33.58s.
MY LITTLE QUEENS 10-3lav (9-9, O J Orr) Chased leaders early, mid-division, headway over 3f out, led over 1f out, edged left, kept on, headed towards finish, 5th of 14, 3 1/2l behind Letsbefrank (8-3) at Hamilton 1m 3f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 2m 21.86s.
GREEN TEAM 33-1 (9-0, Saffie Osborne) Towards rear, never on terms, 14th of 16, 27l behind Alphonse Le Grande (8-10) at Chester 2m 3f hcp (2) gf in May 4m 00.29s.
HALIPHON 20-1 (9-0, Josephine Gordon) Off the pace and always towards rear, last of 9, 12l behind Lexington Knight (8-9) at Doncaster 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May 2m 37.93s.
WHIMSY 13-2 (8-7, K J Leonard) Tracked leaders, 3rd halfway, pushed along on inner over 2f out, briefly short of room over 1f out, switched to centre and kept on one pace inside final furlong, 3rd of 9, 2l behind Nostingsattached (9-4) at Gowran Park 1m 1f fl hcp gd 2m 06.40s.
GIBSIDE 11-2 (9-8, D Fentiman) Rear mid-division, stumbled on bend before halfway, pushed along and steady headway well over 2f out, ridden and pressed leaders 1f out, stayed on well to lead under 110 yards out, readily, won at Catterick 1m 6f hcp 0-70 (5) gf beating Knights Affair (9-5) by 1l, 11 ran 3m 00.17s.

GOING: Good.
COURSE: Left-handed, u-shaped track of 2m, 5f run-in. Races of 7f start on a spur.
DRAW: Inconsistent on straight, low best on round course.

SOUTHERN VOYAGE 6-1 (9-9, A J Farragher) Close 3rd on inside, ridden to challenge inside final furlong, soon led, kept on well, won at Doncaster 1m 4f app hcap (5) gs in May beating Knights Affair (9-7) by nk, 8 ran 2m 37.13s.
STAR JASMINE 7-2 (8-13, Billy Loughnane) Slowly into stride, in rear, closed over 3f out, switched right over 1f out, ran on, just held, 3rd of 7, hd behind Fiver Friday (9-7) at Hamilton 1m 1f fls hcp 0-130 (3) gd 1m 59.99s.

2.25 SKY BET PROUD TO SUPPORT MACMILLAN HANDICAP (3) Winner £15,462 (20 run) 7f

1	01060-	BEAR FORCE ONE (280) (P)	8 10-2
(10)		M Dods (D ²)	
		C Beasley	94
2	08-685	BOARDMAN (21)	8 9-12
(7)		T Easterby (CD)	
		D Allan	90
3	/8138-	YERMANTHERE (258)	6 9-12
(6)		T Easterby (D ²)	
		P Dennis	90
4	52-000	LONDONER (35)	4 9-12
(3)		J Goldie	
		P Mulrennan	90
5	1/80-3	YANIFER (21)	6 9-12
(14)		H Bethell (CD)	
		C Planas (3)	90
6	70045-	AUSTRIAN THEORY (258)	5 9-11
(18)		T Easterby (D)	
		C Murtagh	89
7	/13141	NEW IMAGE (14)	4 9-10
(11)		D O'Meara (D ²)	
		Mark Winn (3)	88
8	107-24	AALTO (28)	4 9-10
(13)		I Williams (D)	
		R L Moore	88
9	547-71	DIAMONDONTHEHILL (28)	6 9-9
(16)		M Dods (D ²)	
		C Rodriguez	87
10	/266-0	STONE SOLDIER (158) (P)	7 9-9
(4)		R Fahey (D ³)	
		Oisin Orr	87
11	3261-6	MUDAMER (28)	5 9-9
(15)		G Harker (D)	
		S James	87
12	46-294	WOVEN (31)	8 9-9
(1)		M Dods (CD)	
		C Lee	87
13	1-4808	QUEST FOR FUN (14) (T)	6 9-8
(20)		T Easterby (CD)	
		JP Sullivan	86
14	000-09	TACTICAL (14) (V)	6 9-7
(19)		J Camacho (D)	
		J Hart	85
15	9805-7	CARNIVAL ZAIN (21)	7 9-1
(9)		M Hammond (D ³)	
		A Brookes (5)	79
16	308-43	QUINTUS ARRIUS (29) (P)	4 9-0
(8)		P Niven (BF)	
		T Eaves	78
17	17647770	ELIGIBLE (7)	8 8-11
(5)		M & D Easterby (CD)	
		Lewis Chalkley (7)	75
18	95-501	TOLSTOY (1)	5 8-11
(12)		B Ellison (CD)	
		B Robinson	74
19	3-5165	GOLDEN PHARAOH (96)	3 8-9
(2)		S Dixon (D)	
		H Shaw	83
20	7424-1	OUR HAVANA (60)	3 8-2
(17)		R Fahey (D)	
		C Hardie	76

BETTING: 6 Aalto, 13-2 New Image, 8 Yanifer, Our Havana, Woven, 12 Mudamer, Boardman, Quintus Arrius, 14 Others.
2023: WILD LION 5 9 13, Kieran O'Neill 8-1 (S bin Suror), drawn (8), 13 ran.
BEAR FORCE ONE 14-1 (9-5, P J McDonald) Outpaced early, towards rear, ridden over 2f out, soon beaten, last of 14, 19l behind Helm Rock (9-4) at Kempton 1m hcp (2) pol in Sep 1m 38.02s.
BOARDMAN 10-1 (9-1, Ben Robinson) In rear, pushed along 3f out, late headway for 5th, 5th of 9, 4 1/2l behind Spirit Genie (8-9) at Chester 7f hcp 0-105 (2) gs in May 1m 30.10s.
YERMANTHERE 20-1 (9-7, R C Colgan) Tracked leaders, 4th halfway, pushed along and lost place entering straight, soon ridden and no extra, 8th of 10, 23l behind Snapreterra (9-7) at Tipperary 7f Listed stks (1) hvy in Oct 1m 46.30s.
LONDONER 66-1 (8-9, Billy Loughnane) In touch, ridden and headway approaching 2f out, weakened approaching final furlong, 14th of 21, 7l behind The Wizard Of Eye (9-2) at Ascot 7f hcp (4yo+) (2) gd in May 1m 26.58s.
YANIFER 15-2 (8-8, Connor Planas) Chased leader, ridden and briefly outpaced over 1f out, headway to challenge final 100 yards, ran on, 3rd of 9, 1l behind Spirit Genie (8-9) at Chester 7f hcp 0-105 (2) gs in May 1m 30.10s.
AUSTRIAN THEORY 4-1 (9-9, J Farragher) Tracked leaders, went 2nd 8f out, lost 2nd turning in, led 3rd 3f out, weakened over 2f out, 5th of 6, 14l behind Naxos (9-8) at Epsom Downs 1m 2f hcp 0-95 (3) gd in Oct 2m 08.74s.
NEW IMAGE 11-4lav (9-8, Mark Winn) In touch, pushed along over 1f out, kept on well to lead inside final furlong, won going away, won at Musselburgh 7f hcp (4) gd beating Judgment Call (8-13) by 1 1/4l, 11 ran 1m 28.62s.
AALTO 11-1 (8-9, R Kingscote) Tracked leader near side, ridden to lead over 1f out, headed and no extra inside final furlong, 4th of 12, 4l behind Sonny Liston (9-12) at Newbury 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May 1m 36.00s.
DIAMONDONTHEHILL 10-1 (9-7, P Mulrennan) Towards rear, smooth headway on outer over 2f out, pushed along final 110 yards, led narrowly closing stages, joined on line, won at Thirsk 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gf in May headchasing with Yorkshire (9-7), 10 ran 1m 25.47s.
STONE SOLDIER 18-1 (9-1, Ryan Sexton) Dwelt, towards rear, pushed along 2f out, never on terms, 11th of 13, 8l behind Doctor Khan Junior (8-11) at Southwell 7f hcp 0-100 (2) in Jan 1m 25.79s.
MUDAMER 15-2 (9-6, Jonny Peate) Handy, pushed along over 1f out and not much room, not recover and faded inside last, 6th of 10, 2 1/2l behind Diamondonthehill (9-7) at Thirsk 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gf in May 1m 25.47s.
WOVEN 17-2 (8-9, Oisin Murphy) Towards rear, ridden over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 4th of 21, 2 1/4l behind Aleezadancer (8-13) at York 6f hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May 1m 11.4s.
QUEST FOR FUN 11-1 (9-4, Sean Kirrane) Chased leaders, ridden over 1f out, no impression, 8th of 13, 3 1/2l behind Silver Samurai (9-7) at Doncaster 7f hcp 0-95 (3) gd 1m 24.03s.

TACTICAL 25-1 (9-3, Lewis Edmunds) Very slowly away, never a factor, 9th of 13, 7l behind Silver Samurai (9-7) at Doncaster 7f hcp 0-95 (3) gd 1m 24.03s.
CARNIVAL ZAIN 28-1 (9-4, Aiden Brookes) Chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, no impression when not much room over 1f out, plugged on same pace, 7th of 18, 5l behind Feel The Need (9-3) at York 7f hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 26.18s.
QUINTUS ARRIUS 5-2lav (9-11, P Mulrennan) Raced centre, off the pace in rear, switched towards far side 2f out, plugged on inside final furlong, went well held 3rd post, 3rd of 5, 5l behind Iris Dancer (8-10) at Hamilton 6f hcp (4) gd in May 1m 10.01s.
ELIGIBLE 11-1 (9-6, Joanna Mason) Towards rear, wide and headway over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 10th of 13, 9l behind Billyb (9-5) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-80 (4) gf 1m 31.95s.
TOLSTOY 22-1 (9-5, Shay Farmer) Rear mid-division, pushed along well over 2f out, kept on same pace, 10th of 21, 5l behind Tiriac (9-7) at York 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 27.05s.
GOLDEN PHARAOH 7-1 (8-13) 5th of 7, 5l behind Dance Sioux (8-10) at Le Mans(FR) 7f 3yo stk hvy in Mar., M Eon) 1m 28.44s.
OUR HAVANA 9-2 (9-1, O J Orr) Led centre group, pushed along over 2f out, led overall and drifted right over 1f out, driven out, won at Newmarket 7f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gd in Apr beating Pressure's On (9-6) by nk, 9 ran 1m 24.58s.

3.00 SKY BET RACE TO THE EBOR GRAND CUP STAKES (LISTED) (1) Winner £39,697 (6 run) 1m 5f 188yds

1	262-56	CHESSPIECE (23) (B ¹)	4 9-2
(5)		S & E Crisford (C)	
		P Mulrennan	108
2	1247-4	KLONDIKE (31) (T)	4 9-2
(1)		W Haggas	
		R L Moore	103
3	3103-2	REAL DREAM (42) (T)	5 9-2
(2)		Sir M Stoute (BF,D)	
		Oisin Orr	105
4	436-31	RELENTLESS VOYAGER (14) (T)	4 9-2
(4)		A Balding	
		H Turner	108
5	427-36	SALT BAY (28)	4 9-2
(6)		R Beckett	
		H Crouch	109
6	92926-	DIVINE JEWEL (182)	5 8-11
(3)		R Varian (BF)	
		J Mitchell	97

BETTING: 9-4 Relentless Voyager, 3 Klondike, 72 Real Dream, 6 Chesspiece, 7 Salt Bay, 12 Divine Jewel.
2023: QUICKTHORN 6 9 2, Jason Hart 7-4 (H Morrison), drawn (1), 6 ran.
CHESSPIECE 4-1 (9-3, W Buick) Prominent 2f, chased leaders, ridden over 3f out, soon weakened, last of 6, well behind Sweet William (9-4) at Sandown 2m Grp 3 (1) stf in May 3m 39.15s.
KLONDIKE 11-2 (9-12, Tom Marquand) Raced wide, tracked leaders, pushed along and slightly outpaced over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, stayed on final furlong, 4th of 13, 7l behind Crystal Dream (9-6) at York 1m 4f hcp (2) gd in May 2m 32.25s.
REAL DREAM 7-2lav (9-10, R L Moore) Held up in last trio, headway near side of group over 2f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, ridden and stayed on inside final furlong, always held, 2nd of 9, 1 1/4l behind Maxi King (9-1) at Newmarket 1m 4f hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May 2m 34.04s.
RELENTLESS VOYAGER 7-1 (9-8, Oisin Murphy) Midfield, switched right 3f out, ridden to lead over 2f out, ran on well final furlong, won at Epsom Downs 1m 4f hcp 0-105 (2) gs beating Ziggy (8-13) by 3l, 14 ran 2m 40.13s.
SALT BAY 7-1 (9-2, Hector Crouch) Held up in touch, pushed along 2f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 8, 10l behind Middle Earth (9-2) at Newbury 1m 4f Grp 3 (1) gd in May 2m 33.43s.
DIVINE JEWEL 4-1lav (8-12) 6th of 14, 3 1/2l behind Goya Senora (9-2) at Deauville(FR) 1m 4f 3yo Listed stks pol in Dec., C Soumillon) 2m 35.38s.

3.35 CHURCHILL TYRES SUPPORTING MACMILLAN SPRINT HANDICAP (2) (3-Y-O) Winner £51,540 (19 run) 6f

1	5-1910	JAMES'S DELIGHT (28)	9-9
(1)		C Cox (D ³)	
		R L Moore	102
2	311-11	WOODHAY WONDER (27)	9-5
(8)		T Ward (D ³)	
		C Rodriguez	98
3	115	POCKLINGTON (28)	9-3
(10)		G Oldroyd (D ²)	
		H Russell	96
4	1518-5	SERRIED RANKS (50)	9-0
(7)		R Beckett (D)	
		H Crouch	93
5	15214-	TROPICAL ISLAND (245)	8-13
(5)		R Fahey (CD)	
		Oisin Orr	92
6	11-14	GARFIELD SHADOW (27)	8-11
(16)		R Fahey (D)	
		B Garrity	90
7	11-034	ALMARADA PRINCE (9)	8-10
(2)		Craig Lidster (D ²)	
		W Pyle (5)	89
8	11-6	ELMONJED (31) (P ¹)	8-10
(6)		W Haggas (BF,D ²)	
		C D Hayes	89
9	0271-	COVER POINT (274)	8-9
(14)		J Camacho	
		S James	88
10	120-42	TWILIGHT ROMANCE (48)	8-8
(13)		J & S Quinn (CD)	
		J Hart	87
11	123-2	ZIGGY'S CONDOR (31)	8-8
(9)		R Fahey (D)	
		J Leavy (5)	87
12	2190-7	MIDNIGHT AFFAIR (29)	8-7
(12)		R Fahey	
		C Hardie	86
13	190-4	CHIEF MANKATO (58)	8-7
(17)		C Hills (D)	
		Tom Kiely-Marshall (7)	86
14	2107-5	WE NEVER STOP (42)	8-5
(19)		K Ryan (D)	
		R Scott	84
15	32-133	IMPERIAL GUARD (36)	8-5
(3)		A Balding (D)	
		H Turner	84
16	121457	MEDIA SHOOTER (28)	8-3
(11)		K R Burke (D ³)	
		Jimmy Quinn	82
17	311206	VINCE L'AMOUR (14) (T)	8-2
(15)		T Easterby (D)	
		JP Sullivan	80

18	0-0379	THE COFFEE POD (14) (P)	8-2
(4)		R Hannon (CD)	
		Mia Nicholls (5)	80
19	2-1772	RUN BOY RUN (9) (P)	8-2
(18)		R Spencer (D)	
		A Brookes (5)	80

BETTING: 13-2 Elmonjed, 7 Ziggy's Condor, 8 Woodhay Wonder, Pocklington, James's Delight, 12 Chief Mankato, Garfield Shadow, Serried Ranks, 14 Others.
2023: QUINUALT 8 10, Connor Planas(5) 15-2 (S C Williams), drawn (20), 21 ran.
JAMES'S DELIGHT 13-2 (9-2, R Kingscote) In touch, pushed along 2f out, soon weakened, 11th of 14, 13l behind Elite Status (9-2) at Newbury 6f 3yo 1st stk (1) gd in May 1m 09.68s.
WOODHAY WONDER 2-1lav (9-3, Tom Marquand) Tracked leader who set strong pace, led inside final 2f, ridden and strongly pressed throughout final furlong, battled on gamely, won at Newmarket 6f 3yo hcp 0-105 (2) gf in May beating Completely Random (8-7) by nk, 7 ran 1m 10.68s.
POCKLINGTON 18-1 (9-2, Harry Russell) Tracked leaders, ridden over 1f out, kept on same pace, 5th of 14, 6l behind Elite Status (9-2) at Newbury 6f 3yo 1st stk (1) gd in May 1m 09.68s.
SERRIED RANKS 12-1 (9-5, Rossa Ryan) Off the pace towards rear

BATH SKY SPORTS RACING.

GARRY OWEN		PA
1.45	TAXIIING	KISS MY FACE
2.20	VIOLET LOVE	BLUE POINT EXPRESS
2.55	CARIBBEAN WIND	BALMORAL LADY
3.30	SUANNI	MEDIA GUEST
4.05	ORGANIC	TIDAL STORM
4.40	SAXON MAGIC	KEEN INTEREST
5.15	LOCAL BAY	ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM

1.45 SPORTING FAMILY CHANGE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (6)		2m 1f 24yds
Winner £2,983 (8 run)		
1 (2)	08/37 THAHAB IFRAJ Alexandra Dunn 11 9-9	Ethan Jones (5)
2 (4)	8/500- AL SAYAH N Mulholland 4 9-8	C Hutchinson
3 (7)	5-5442 KISS MY FACE (PT) A Ralph 7 9-6 (BF)	Jack Doughty (5)
4 (1)	870142 TAXIIING (7) (TV) P Evans 4 9-5	S D Bowen (3)
5 (6)	2/324- JOHN BETJEMAN (B) M Gillard 8 9-4	F Daly (7)
6 (3)	367846 UTHER PENDRAGON (8) (P) J S Moore 9 8-9 (C ⁹)	Shariq Mohd (7)
7 (4)	56007 ROBEAM (B) M Mullineaux 8 8-9 (D)	Alec Volkhansky
8 (5)	33-976 HIGHLAND FLYER (11) J Portman 4 8-9	Olivia Tubb (5)
BETTING: 11-4 Kiss My Face, 10-3 Al Sayah, 7-2 Taxiiing, 6 Thahab Ifraj, 8 John Betjeman, 10 Uther Pendragon, 16 Highland Flyer, 25 Robeam.		

2.20 SPORTING FAMILY CHANGE FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) (2-Y-O)		5f 10yds
Winner £5,211 (12 run)		
1 (11)	15 KODIBEAT (38) P & O Cole 9-9 (D)	Georgia Dobie (3)
2 (9)	221 VIOLET LOVE (7) G Boughey 9-6 (D)	P Cosgrave
3 (2)	BERMUDA PRINCESS (10) W Haggas 9-2	A Farragher
4 (10)	5 BLUE POINT EXPRESS (10) C Johnston 9-2	J F Egan
5 (1)	87 FREGOLA (11) R Hannon 9-2	Alec Volkhansky (3)
6 (7)	4 HAVANA DANCE (21) J Portman 9-2	T Whelan
7 (6)	KALAHARI BLUE Ollie Sangster 9-2	L Keniry
8 (8)	60 LIFT LADY (15) K P De Foy 9-2	B Sayette
9 (12)	LOUDAN A Balding 9-2	Jason Watson
10 (3)	0 MISS CAMPANELLA (11) D Shaw 9-2	Millie Wonnacott (5)
11 (4)	6 MISS SHOW DOWN (36) C Cox 9-2	J Fahy
12 (5)	0 SKELLIG ISLE (1) T Ward 9-2	K O'Neill
BETTING: 9-4 Violet Love, 4 Havana Dance, 11-2 Kodibeat, 13-2 Loudan, 8 Kalahari Blue, 10 Blue Point Express, 12 Bermuda Princess, 20 Fregola, Miss Show Down, 25 Others.		

2023: UNBREAK MY HEART 9-2, John Fahy 10-11 Fav (C Cox), drawn (3), 5 ran.

KODIBEAT 12-1 (8-13, D Tudhope) Prominent, pushed along over 1f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 5th of 9, 4l behind Seraphim Angel (8-13) at Chester 5f 2yo stks (2) gd in May 1m 02.26s.

VIOLET LOVE 13-8av (9-2, Billy Loughnane) Made all, ridden 2f out, ran on well, won at Chepstow 5f 2yo fill mdn (5) gf bestling Jane Garfield (9-2) by 4 1/2l, 9 ran 58.63s.

BERMUDA PRINCESS 15-2 (9-2, Cieren Fallon) Edged left start, pushed along in rear, always behind, 9th of 11, 12l behind Leovanni (9-2) at Nottingham 5f mdn fls stks (5) gf 1m 00.28s.

BLUE POINT EXPRESS 20-1 (8-13, Jason Hart) Led early, chased leaders, not much room and lost place over 2f out, switched right over 1f out, kept on, no impression, 5th of 10, 7l behind Loom (9-4) at Ripon 5f 2yo nov stk (5) gd 59.05s.

FREGOLA 16-1 (9-2, P J Dobbs) Mid-division on inner, ridden along over 1f out, no extra inside final furlong, 7th of 11, 6l behind Where's Clare (9-2) at Wolverhampton 5f 2yo mdn stks (5) 1m 01.76s.

HAVANA DANCE 40-1 (9-2, George Rooke) In touch in mid-division, chasing leaders over 2f out, 4th and held final furlong, stayed on same pace, 4th of 12, 3l behind Jakarta (9-2) at Goodwood 6f mdn fls stks (4) gd in May 1m 11.97s.

KALAHARI BLUE Blue Point filly out of Badr Al Badoor.

LIFT LADY 40-1 (8-11, Benoit D L Sayette) Awkward start, rear of mid-division, badly hampered, stumbled and rider lost iron 2f out, not recover, last of 10, 40l behind Teej A (9-2) at Epsom Downs 6f 2yo stks (2) gs in May 1m 13.44s.

LOUDAN Blue Point filly out of Crossanza.

MISS CAMPANELLA 250-1 (8-12, Cam Hardie) Dwelt start, raced in last, struggling over 3f out, tailed off over 1f out, last of 11, 24l behind Where's Clare (9-2) at Wolverhampton 5f 2yo mdn stks (5) 1m 01.76s.

MISS SHOW DOWN 10-1 (9-2, J P Fahy) Raced keenly tracking leaders, pushed along halfway, ridden and no impression when hung right over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 6, 13l behind Miss Rascal (9-2) at Ascot 5f mdn fls stks (2) gd in May 1m 02.66s.

SKELLIG ISLE Mohaather filly out of Kerry's Dream., S M Levey) 1m 02.20s.

2.55 SPORTING FAMILY CHANGE PROMOTING KINDNESS BRITISH EBF NOVICE STAKES		5f 10yds
(5) Winner £3,942 (7 run)		
1 (7)	13 CAPO VATICANO (41) A Balding 3 9-7 (D)	Jason Watson 79
2 (1)	0-3 PEARL'S EDGE (21) C Mason 4 9-7	Gina Mangan (3)
3 (3)	7 ACCRUAL (21) D & C Kubler 3 9-5	P Cosgrave
4 (5)	4 RIVER EDGE (12) C Mason 3 9-5	W Cox
5 (2)	2 BALMORAL LADY (16) E Walker 3 9-0	C Hutchinson (3)
6 (6)	22 CARIBBEAN WIND (46) J Channon 3 9-0	E Greatrex
7 (4)	4 FELICITY (25) W Haggas 3 9-0	A Farragher
BETTING: 2 Capo Vaticano, 10-3 Caribbean Wind, 7-2 Pearl's Edge, 5 Felicity, 6 Balmoral Lady, 33 Accrual, 50 River Edge.		

2023: CROW'S NEST 3 9 12, Pat Cosgrave 11-10 Fav (G Boughey), drawn (4), 5 ran.

CAPO VATICANO 9-4 (9-5, Callum Rodriguez) Led early, tracked leader after a furlong, ridden and every chance 1f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 7, 1 1/2l behind Airman (9-10) at Hamilton 5f nov mdn stks (2) gs in May 1m 00.42s.

PEARL'S EDGE 100-1 (9-8, Gina Mangan) Soon led, ridden when rider dropped rein briefly and headed over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, lost 2nd close home, 3rd of 7, 1/2l behind Ezra Cee (9-7) at Windsor 6f mdn stks (5) gd in May 1m 11.32s.

ACCRUAL 10-1 (9-7, J Mitchell) Slowly into stride, in touch in rear, struggling over 2f out, soon behind, last of 7, 23l behind Ezra Cee (9-7) at Windsor 6f mdn stks (5) gd in May 1m 11.32s.

RIVER EDGE 40-1 (9-4, Gina Mangan) Ran green, took keen hold, chased winner, hung right and lost place over 2f out, 4th of 6, 10l behind Mutamanni (9-7) at Brighton 5f mdn stks (5) gf 1m 01.48s.

BALMORAL LADY 12-1 (8-13, Saffie Osborne) Raced keenly, soon tracking winner, pushed along and well held from 2f out, kept on for remote 2nd, 2nd of 4, 5l behind Dorney Lake (9-11) at Lingfield 6f nov mdn stks (5) gf in May 1m 09.78s.

CARIBBEAN WIND 4-1 (9-1, Charles Bishop) Tracked front pair, pushed along and headway over 2f out, ridden and led narrowly over 1f out, soon headed and edged left inside last, no extra closing stages, 2nd of 5, 3/4l behind Soldiers Design (8-10) at Brighton 5f mdn stks (5) gd in Apr 1m 01.58s.

FELICITY 13-8 (9-3, James Doyle) Slowly into stride and carried left start, outpaced in last pair, pushed along and struggling halfway, never on terms, 4th of 5, 7l behind General Assembly (9-8) at Nottingham 5f mdn stks (5) gs in May 59.45s.

3.30 UNITARY ENGINEERING HANDICAP (6)		5f 10yds
Winner £2,983 (12 run)		
1 (12)	-51576 CABEZA DE LLAVE (18) (P) M Attwater 5 9-11 (D ⁹)	P Bradley 57
2 (9)	08119- HAVECHATMA (177) (B) D Ivory 4 9-11	L Keniry 57
3 (6)	509422 MEDIA GUEST (22) (P) M Gillard 6 9-10	J F Egan 56
4 (2)	9-5163 SUANNI (25) (B,T) Darryll Holland 5 9-8 (C,D ⁹)	Jason Watson 54
5 (7)	9231-8 SECOND COLLECTION (15) (H) A Carroll 8 9-7 (CD)	Jack Doughty (7)
6 (5)	4535-6 ATTY'S EDGE (22) C Mason 8 9-6 (CD)	W Cox 52
7 (11)	548-85 FRANK THE SPARK (17) P Midgley 4 9-3	K O'Neill 49
8 (3)	6994-0 KODI HAWK (11) D Shaw 4 9-0	A Farragher 49
9 (1)	0-6997 CAPTAIN BENTLEY (8) (P) M Mullineaux 5 9-0	C Bennett 49
10 (8)	45466- BATTLE POINT (212) M Attwater 5 9-0 (D)	J Fahy 45
11 (10)	454544 LIBERTY BAY (11) (V) M Usher 6 9-0 (D)	Georgia Dobie (3)
12 (4)	999778 KATAR (8) (PT) Mrs R Ford 4 9-0	Gina Mangan (3)
BETTING: 2 Media Guest, 5 Frank The Spark, 7 Suanni, 8 Liberty Bay, Cabeza De Llave, 10 Havechatma, Battle Point, Atty's Edge, 25 Others.		
CABEZA DE LLAVE 12-1 (9-3, Harry Burns) Slowly into stride and awkwardly away, raced keenly in rear, some headway over 1f out, 6th of 8, 7l behind Jacqueline (9-5) at Brighton 5f hcap (6) gd in May 1m 03.10s.		
HAVECHATMA 10-3 (9-2, Rhys Clutterbuck) Slowly away, always in rear, last of 9, 21l behind Dicko The Legend (9-5) at Chelmsford City 6f hcp (0-65) (6) pol in Dec 1m 10.92s.		
MEDIA GUEST 4-1 (9-9, L P Keniry) Held up in touch, ridden and short of room over 1f out, switched right and stayed on strongly inside final furlong, got up for 2nd in the final strides, 2nd of 11, 1 1/4l behind Symbol of Hope (9-4) at Bath 6f hcp (6) gd in May 1m 12.40s.		
SUANNI 8-1 (9-9, J F Egan) Led, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and headed entering final furlong, no extra and soon lost 2nd, 3rd of 6, 3 1/2l behind Jacqueline (9-10) at Brighton 5f hcp 0-55 (6) gd in May 1m 01.56s.		
SECOND COLLECTION 40-1 (9-8, Cieren Fallon) Dwelt in rear, pushed along halfway, never on terms, 8th of 9, 12l behind Jacqueline (10-3) at Chepstow 5f hcp (6) gs in May 59.16s.		
ATTY'S EDGE 18-1 (9-8, William Cox) Held up in touch, ridden 2f out, no telling impression, 6th of 11, 4 1/2l behind Symbol of Hope (9-4) at Bath 6f hcp (6) gd in May 1m 12.40s.		
FRANK THE SPARK 9-1 (8-13, Ryan Sexton) Raced keenly in mid-division, headway looking for 2nd 2f out, angled out soon after, ridden chasing leaders over 1f out, carried right inside final furlong, soon hampered and snatched up, no chance after, 5th of 11, 4l behind Yazaman (9-6) at Beverley 5f app hcp 0-60 (6) sft in May 1m 06.64s.		
KODI HAWK 25-1 (9-3, T Eaves) Slowly away in rear, weakened 2f out, last of 10, 15l behind Due Date (9-8) at Wolverhampton 6f hcp (0-55) (6) 1m 14.18s.		
CAPTAIN BENTLEY 80-1 (9-9, Charlie Bennett) Tracked leader, ridden over 2f out, weakened 1f out, 7th of 10, 8l behind Neptune Legend (9-9) at Bath 6f (6) gf 1m 11.51s.		
BATTLE POINT 20-1 (8-6, Morgan Cole) Towards rear, pushed along 2f out, not trouble leaders, 6th of 10, 3l behind Darlo Pride (9-2) at Chelmsford City 5f hcp 0-58 (6) pol in Nov 58.58s.		
LIBERTY BAY 10-1 (9-3, George Bass) Led near side, ridden and headed entering final furlong, no extra, 4th of 7, 2 1/4l behind Mrs Trump (9-9) at Leicester 5f Apprentice Handicap (0-52) (4yo+) (6) sft 1m 00.33s.		
KATAR 16-1 (9-6, Connor Planas) Held up in touch, ridden over 1f out, no impression, 8th of 10, 8l behind Neptune Legend (9-9) at Bath 6f (6) gf 1m 11.51s.		

4.05 WE GET IT BATH HANDICAP (6)		1m 2f 37yds
Winner £2,983 (9 run)		
1 (6)	8-8565 PRECISION STORM (48) (PT) M Loughnane 7 10-2 (D)	Doubtful 64
2 (8)	56778- COCHIN (303) (T) R G Hawker 4 10-0	C Hutchinson (3)
3 (3)	9-7693 TIDAL STORM (31) (V) Joe Ponting 5 9-7	K O'Neill 55
4 (1)	08-245 ALVESTA (25) A Balding 3 9-6	Jason Watson 67
5 (5)	85-81 ORGANIC (3) G Boughey 3 9-5	P Cosgrave 60
6 (9)	349406 ETRETAT (11) C Johnston 3 9-3	L Keniry 64
7 (7)	-77114 NILOUFAR (29) (H) Harry Charlton 3 8-12	T Whelan 59
8 (4)	0540-5 KRAKEN FILLY (8) (P) Joe Ponting 6 8-11 (CD)	W Cox 45
9 (2)	949- SURFER DUDE (273) Ollie Sangster 3 8-2	A Farragher 48
BETTING: 7-4 Organic, 11-4 Niloufar, 11-2 Alvesta, 8 Tidal Storm, 10 Etretat, 12 Surfer Dude, Kraken Filly, 33 Cochin.		

2023: ABSOLUTE QUEEN 3 9 8, Pat Cosgrave 7-2 (G Boughey), drawn (3), 6 ran.

COCHIN 50-1 (8-13, Rob Hornby) Towards rear, pushed along 3f out, lost touch and eased 1f out, last of 8, 17l behind Mantlog (9-8) at Salisbury 1m 2f hcap (4) gd in Aug 2m 08.25s.

TIDAL STORM 50-1 (9-10, Charles Bishop) Soon led, ridden and headed over 1f out, lost 2nd towards finish, 3rd of 11, 3l behind Bond Spirit (9-4) at Bath 1m 4f hcp (6) gd in May 2m 32.07s.

ALVESTA 12-1 (9-2, Oisín Murphy) Off the pace in rear, some late headway out wide, never on terms, 5th of 10, 6l behind Liveandletlive (9-6) at Nottingham 1m 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gd in May 1m 45.49s.

ORGANIC 3-1 (9-11, P Cosgrave) Held up in rear, pushed along 3f out, headway over 1f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, stayed on, led close home, won at Yarmouth 7f hcap (6) sft beating Shaws Phoenix (9-8) by nk, 9 ran 1m 27.59s.

ETRETAT 10-1 (9-10, J Fanning) In rear, pushed along over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, never nearer, 6th of 9, 4 1/2l behind Golden Myrth (9-9) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) 2m 00.77s.

NILOUFAR 11-1 (8-13, T E Whelan) Took keen hold, midfield, ridden over 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, no danger, 4th of 13, 1 3/4l behind Laura Bay (9-9) at Newbury 1m 2f hcp (5) gd in May 2m 10.30s.

KRAKEN FILLY 28-1 (8-11, K T O'Neill) Led, pushed along 3f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 10, 4 1/2l behind Golden Phase (9-9) at Bath 1m 2f hcap (6) gf 2m 08.58s.

SURFER DUDE 40-1 (8-7, Lewis Edmunds) Mid-division, pushed along over 4f out, weakened over 2f out, 9th of 10, 28l behind Rocket Warrior (9-5) at Bath 1m 2yo mdn (4) gs in Sep 1m 42.52s.

4.40 OLIVIA'S BOUTIQUE RACEWEAR HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O)		1m
Winner £2,983 (11 run)		
1 (10)	4-3711 BLENHEIM STAR (12) (H) W Knight 9-13 (D ⁹)	Jason Watson 62
2 (4)	878- LENNON (178) G Boughey 9-9	P Cosgrave 58
3 (5)	01-636 ALJADEL (15) (P) R Hughes 9-9 (D)	Ethan Jones (7)
4 (6)	904-6 SAXON MAGIC (143) K P De Foy 9-8	B Sayette 57
5 (7)	7-6416 MEET ME IN MERAKI (24) P Evans 9-7 (CD)	S D Bowen (5)
6 (9)	-62587 SNEAKY BLINDER (15) (T) T Ward 9-4	A Farragher 53
7 (1)	80-544 NEWFANGLED (23) J Portman 9-3	T Whelan 52
8 (8)	667883 KEEN INTEREST (40) Alice Haynes 9-0	K O'Neill 49
9 (11)	7-3738 BRAMBLE JELLY (19) D F Davis 8-12	Gina Mangan (3)
10 (2)	9-7058 WESTON COURT (15) R Harris 8-11	E Greatrex 46
11 (3)	9974 HOT PATOOTIE (11) S Dow 8-11	P Bradley 45

GOING: Good to Firm.

COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 4f, 4f run-in, with chutes on the back straight for the 1m 3 1/2f and 1m starts. Races over 5f and 5 1/2f start on an extension to the home straight.

DRAW: Low numbers have a slight advantage up to 1m

TOP TRAINERS: Clive Cox 31-119 (26.1%), Tony Carroll 29-296 (9.8%), Adrian Wintle 24-132 (18.2%), Richard Hannon 20-142 (14.1%), Ronald Harris 18-156 (11.5%), Jonathan Portman 16-102 (15.7%), George Boughey 14-66 (21.2%), David Evans 13-109 (11.9%), Gary & Josh Moore 12-54 (22.2%), Stan Moore 9-121 (7.4%).

TOP JOCKEYS: Liam Keniry 17-171 (9.9%), Trevor Whelan 15-161 (9.3%), Kieran O'Neill 14-149 (9.4%), Georgia Dobie 11-72 (15.3%), Jason Watson 7-54 (13.0%), John Egan 6-42 (14.3%), Gina Mangan 6-78 (7.7%), Charlie Bennett 6-85 (7.1%), Callum Hutchinson 5-76 (6.6%), John Fahy 5-38 (13.2%).

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): C Cox won the 2.20 in '19 and '23.

1ST TIME BLINKERS: 5:50 Belle Angelique (A).

CHEEKPIECES: 1.45 Kiss My Face, Uther Pendragon, 3.30 Cabeza De Llave*, Captain Bentley, Katar, Media Guest, 4.05 Kraken Filly, Precision Storm, 4.40 Aljadel*, 5.15 Eye Of The Water, Ower Starlight, Rival, 5.50 Kayack (A).

TONGUE STRAPS: 1.45 Kiss My Face*, Taxiiing, 3.30 Katar, Suanni, 4.05 Cochin, Precision Storm, 4.40 Sneaky Blinder*, 5.50 Storm Troupour (A). (*=1st time).

1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 4.05 Cochin.

LONGEST TRAVELLER: Frank The Spark (3.30) trained at Westow. Round trip of 492 miles.

FAVOURITES: (2019-2024): 235 have won out of 722 races (32.5%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 8 have won out of 20 races (40.0%).

WEIGHT WATCHER

Horses which have dropped most from previous winning handicap marks in the last two years.

BATH: 3.30 Cabeza De Llave (won off 63 down 6lb to 57); Second Collection (15lb); 4.05 Precision Storm (4lb); 5.15 Havana Goldrush (6lb); Eye Of The Water (7lb); Rival (10lb).

CHESTER: 2.10 Copper Knight (won off 80 down 3lb to 77); Count D'orsay (3lb); Never Dark (6lb); 2.45 United Front (3lb); 4.30 Indian Creak (5lb); King Of Tonga (7lb); Hyperfocus (11lb); Evocative Spark (16lb); 5.35 Precision Storm (4lb).

HEXHAM: 4.52 Going Mobile (won off 89 down 6lb to 83); Breaking The Ice (8lb); 6.30 Barbados Buck's (6lb).

LEICESTER: 6.18 Flight Of Angels (won off 72 down 8lb to 64); 7.25 Midnight Lir (3lb); 8.00 Blue Collar Lad (4lb).

SANDOWN: 5.00 Western Stars (won off 77 down 4lb to 73).

UTTOXETER: 8.15 Crossing The Bar (won off 114 down 6lb to 108).

YORK: 1.50 Piecederesistance (won off 85 down 10lb to 75); Haliphon (17lb); 2.25 Austrian Theory (5lb); Boardman (7lb); Carnival Zain (7lb); 4.45 Pisanello (3lb); Orbaan (4lb); Poet's Dawn (4lb); Mostawaa (5lb); Harswell Duke (10lb); 5.20 Danzan (4lb); Lucky Man (6lb); It Just Takes Time (7lb); Ghatthanfar (12lb); Music Society (13lb).

DOWNGRADED

Horses dropped two grades or more from their previous race.

BATH: 1.45 Robeam (down 2 grades), 2.20 Kodibeat (down 2), 2.20 Lift Lady (down 2), 2.20 Miss Show Down (down 2), 2.55 Capo Vaticano (down 3), 4.05 Cochin (down 2), 4.05 Surfer Dude (down 2).

CHESTER: 3.55 Zimmerrman (down 2), 4.30 Hyperlucus (down 2), 4.30 Monsieur Kodi (down 2).

LEICESTER: 5.17 Perfidia (down 3), 5.17 Baylando (down 2), 5.48 Corriamo (down 3), 5.48 Fearless Freddy (down 2), 9.00 Moon Man (down 2).

SANDOWN: 2.40 Flora Of Bermuda (down 2), 3.15 Star Style (down 5), 5.00 Bashful Boy (down 2), 5.00 Cinnodin (down 2).

YORK: 4.45 Orbaan (down 2), 4.45 Theme Park (down 2), 4.45 Titan Rock (down 2), 5.20 It Just Takes Time (down 2).

HEXHAM: 4.17 Mister Moodles (down 3).

UTTOXETER: 7.10 Onefortheairgreen (down 2).

BETTING: 9-4 Blenheim Star, 6 Saxon Magic, 13-2 Lennon, 7 Newfangled, 8 Meet Me In Meraki, 10 Bramble Jelly, Keen Interest, Aljadel, 16 Others.

2023: GONE 9 9, Joe Fanning 5-2 (C Johnston), drawn (1), 5 ran.

BLENHEIM STAR 11-4 (9-11, Cieren Fallon) Held up towards rear, pushed along over 4f out, ridden and effort 3f out, edged left and led over 1f out, eased well inside final furlong, won at Brighton 1m 3yo hcp 0-55 (6) gf beating Red Cloud (9-0) by 3/4l, 8 ran 1m 34.36s.

LENNON 17-2 (9-4, Grace McEntee) Held up in rear, asked for effort over 2f out, never in contention, 8th of 9, 11l behind The Ferret (9-7) at Lingfield 1m nov stks (5) pol in Dec 1m 39.04s.

ALJADEL 17-2 (9-10, George Rooke) In touch, pushed along over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 9, 10l behind Loose Tongue (9-6) at Chepstow 1m hcap (6) gs in May 1m 36.75s.

SAXON MAGIC 9-2 (9-9, Benoit D L Sayette) Raced keenly tracking leaders, went 2nd after 1f until 6f out, chased leaders, run flattened out inside final furlong, 6th of 10, 2 1/4l behind Run Joy Run (8-6) at Kempton 1m hcp 0-60 (6) pol in Jan 1m 44.16s.

MEET ME IN MERAKI 11-1 (9-3, R Kingscote) Midfield on inner, pushed along over 2f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 6th of 11, 5l behind Atlantic Gamble (9-3) at Kempton 1m hcap (6) pol in May 1m 38.74s.

SNEAKY BLINDER 17-2 (9-6, T E Whelan) Bumped start, raced wide in touch, pushed along 3f out, weakened 2f out, 7th of 9, 16l behind Loose Tongue (9-6) at Chepstow 1m hcap (6) gs in May 1m 36.75s.

NEWFANGLED 8-1 (9-6, T E Whelan) Mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, stayed on steadily over 1f out, not pace to challenge, 4th of 10, 1 1/4l behind Charles Morin (9-9) at Lingfield 1m 1f 3yo hcp 0-55 (6) gd in May 1m 55.72s.

KEEN INTEREST 18-1 (9-7, K T O'Neill) Tracked leaders, pushed along and disputed lead well over 2f out, led over 2f out, headed 1f out, no extra, 3rd of 11, 6l behind Meet Me In Meraki (9-7) at Bath 1m hcap (6) sft in May 1m 49.56s.

BRAMBLE JELLY 12-1 (7-13, S D Bowen) Raced wide in mid-division, pushed along and weakened over 2f out, 8th of 9, 13l behind Rosy Kiss (9-5) at Leicester 1m fill hcp (5) gs in May 1m 46.78s.

WESTON COURT 9-1 (8-12, Raul Da Silva) Towards rear, pushed along halfway, short of room 3f out, weakened over 1f out, 8th of 9, 17l behind Loose Tongue (9-6) at Chepstow 1m hcap (6) gs in May 1m 36.75s.

HOT PATOOTIE 25-1 (9-0, K Shoemark) Raced wide tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace, 4th of 13, 15l behind Dibble Dabble (9-4) at Leicester 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-55 (6) gs 2m 11.93s.

5.15 OLIVIA'S BOUTIQUE KEYNSHAM HANDICAP (6)

Winner £2,983 (12 run)

			1m
1 (5)	/58-67 MAWADA (22) A Wintle 4 9-9	Gina Mangan (3)	60
2 (2)	37-339 THE SPOTLIGHT KID (13) (B) D Ivory 5 9-9	L Keniry 61	61
3 (3)	478731 LOCAL BAY (8) A Carroll 6 9-9 (CD)	Jack Doughty (7)	56
4 (10)	414-11 ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM (40) M Appleby 6 9-9 (CD ⁹)	S D Bowen (5)	56
5 (1)	311-67 CEILIDH (32) (B) G Baker 4 9-8	P Cosgrave 59	59
6 (12)	347130 HAVANA GOLDRUSH (22) (B) J & R Flint 5 9-7 (BFCDF)	W Cox 58	58
7 (4)	90-836 RIVAL (22) (P) J & R Flint 6 9-5 (D)	Doubtful 56	56
8 (11)	482687 EYE OF THE WATER (7) (P) R Harris 8 9-4 (CD ⁹)	B Sayette 57	57
9 (8)	00-47 ALBERTO (31) E Lavelle 4 9-4	O Lewis (7)	55
10 (6)	955-58 MARAYEL (10) (H) G & J Moore 5 9-4	Jason Watson 58	58
11 (9)	1-7341 MARCHETTI (32) J Fox 7 9-1	Georgia Dobie (3)	52
12 (7)	-57430 OWER STARLIGHT (8) (P) Daisy Hitchins 6 8-10 (D ⁹)	T Whelan 50	50

BETTING: 3 Andromedas Kingdom, 7-2 Local Bay, 5 Marchetti, 8 Havana Goldrush, 10 The Spotlight Kid, Eye Of The Water, 14 Mawada, Ceilidh, Alberto, 20 Others.

2023: MY AMBITION 4 9-9, George Rooke 2-1 (D Coakley), drawn (2), 4 ran.

CHESTER ITV4: 3.20. SKY SPORTS RACING.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
1.35	DEATH OR GLORY	DEATH OR GLORY
2.10	COPPER KNIGHT	COPPER KNIGHT
2.45	HOSANNA POWER	GAASSEE
3.20	BLUE PRINCE	BLUE PRINCE
3.55	DIAMAND DE VINDECY	RICH BELIEF
4.30	MYTHICAL PHOENIX	MYTHICAL PHOENIX
5.04	TIME TELLS ALL	TIME TELLS ALL
5.35	OMAN	OMAN

1.35	JUDDMONTE EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (2) (2-Y-O)	6f 17yds
Winner	£15,288 (12 run)	
1 (8)	4 ASKTHEBOSS (30) A Keatley 9-7	H Doyle
2 (5)	47 BARMYBLADE (32) T Easterby 9-7	S B Kirrane
3 (1)	2 DEATH OR GLORY (17) R Fahey 9-7	Ryan Sexton
4 (2)	54 SAXONIA (24) C Johnston 9-7	J Fanning
5 (4)	36 THE FLYING SEAGULL (22) H Palmer 9-7 (BF)	D Probert
6 (6)	ANDALPROFIT N Tinkler 9-5	A Jary
7 (12)	4 STAPLEFORD PARK (21) C Fellowes 9-5	Doubtful
8 (10)	4 TACTICAL PLAN (22) E Dunlop 9-5	Doubtful
9 (11)	FRANKIES DREAM J Candlish 9-3	J Peate
10 (9)	ONE MORE GUINNESS J Candlish 9-3	A Mullen
11 (3)	44 THECOFFEEPODDOCO (16) R Hannon 9-2 (BF)	R Kingscote
12 (7)	4 EVA'S EYES (14) Darryll Holland 9-0	F Norton
BETTING: 3 Asktheboss, 72 Thecoffeeoddoto, Death Or Glory, 9-2 The Flying Seagull, 13-2 Saxonia, 16 Andalprofit, 25 One More Guinness, Frankies Dream, Eva's Eyes, 50 Others.		
2023: INVINCIBLE FRIEND 9 3, Alistair Rawlinson 7-1 (T Dascombe), drawn (2), 7 ran.		

2.10	EDINBURGH GIN SPRITZ HANDICAP (3)	5f 15yds
Winner	£12,740 (11 run)	
1 (7)	7-2403 ARECIBO (14) D Carroll 9 10-2 (D ⁹)	Z Wheatley (3) 88
2 (10)	463513 RADIO GOO GOO (7) P Evans 4 10-1 (C ⁹)	R Kingscote 87
3 (4)	07-388 PAWS FOR THOUGHT (9) (P) D McCain 6 10-0 (C ⁹)	C Maggs (7) 86
4 (3)	17-360 WEN MOON (30) (T) B Haslam 4 10-0 (D ⁹)	F Norton 86
5 (8)	8-6250 DICKIEBURD (13) Craig Lidster 4 9-7 (CD)	H Doyle 79
6 (2)	6-7203 COPPER KNIGHT (21) (T) T Easterby 10 9-5 (CD ⁹)	S B Kirrane 77
7 (6)	597-00 NEVER DARK (13) I Jardine 7 9-4 (D ⁹)	J Peate (3) 76

8 (5) 22-605 CURIOUS ROVER (14) K Scott 3 9-3 (D⁹).....C Fallon 82
9 (1) 402236 REIGNING PROFIT (13) (P) R Carr 5 9-2 (D⁹).....D Probert 74
10 (11) -80042 COUNT D'ORSAY (9) (P) T Easterby 8 9-0 (CD).....J Fanning 72
11 (9) 351782 GLORY FIGHTER (15) P Midgley 8 8-12 (CD).....Ryan Sexton 70
BETTING: 4 Copper Knight, 7 Reigning Profit, Radio Goo Goo, 8 Curious Rover, Arecibo, Count D'Orsay, Wen Moon, 10 Paws For Thought, Glory Fighter, 12 Others.
2023: VINTAGE CLARETS 4 10 0, Callum Hutchinson(3) 10-3 (R Fahey), drawn (2), 8 ran.
ARECIBO 12-1 (9-4, Zak Wheatley) Tracked leaders, ridden in 3rd 1f out, kept on, not pace to challenge, 3rd of 12, 1 1/4 behind Hiya Maite (9-6) at Doncaster 5f hcp 0-90 (3) gd 5770s.
RADIO GOO GOO 15-2 (9-1, R Kingscote) Led, ridden 2f out, edged left and headed well inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 14, 11 behind Buccabay (8-12) at Haydock 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gd 1m 12.50s.
PAWS FOR THOUGHT 9-1 (9-2, Charlie Maggs) Tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 11, 6l behind Manila Scouse (9-0) at Hamilton 6f hcp 105 (2) gd 1m 09.84s.
WEN MOON 15-2 (8-8, A Mullen) Held up in mid-division far side, headway and hung left from 2f out, soon ridden, weakened final furlong, 14th of 17, 6l behind Clarendon House (9-12) at York 5f hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May 58.95s.
DICKIEBURD 16-1 (8-9, William Pyle) Prominent, ridden over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 13th of 15, 11l behind Desperate Hero (9-9) at Hamilton 5f hcp 0-105 (2) gd 5763s.
COPPER KNIGHT 22-1 (7-11, Amie Waugh) Tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, ran on, not pace to trouble leaders, 3rd of 12, 3 1/2l behind Starlurt (9-4) at York 5f hcp 105 (2) gs in May 58.51s.
NEVER DARK 80-1 (8-6, Alex Jary) Led, headed over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 12th of 15, 9l behind Desperate Hero (9-9) at Hamilton 5f hcp 0-105 (2) gd 5763s.
CURIOUS ROVER 22-1 (8-12, William Pyle) Prominent, led 2f out, headed and edged left over 1f out, no extra final 75 yards, 5th of 19, 4l behind Blue Storm (9-7) at Epsom Downs 5f 3yo hcp 0-90 (3) gs 55.62s.
REIGNING PROFIT 20-1 (8-8, J P Sullivan) Held up in rear, switched left over 1f out, some late headway, never dangerous, kept on, 6th of 15, 7l behind Desperate Hero (9-9) at Hamilton 5f hcp 0-105 (2) gd 5763s.
COUNT D'ORSAY 15-2 (9-7, Phil Dennis) Close up, ridden and every chance over 1f out, edged left inside final furlong, ran on, 2nd of 11, nk behind Digital (9-9) at Hamilton 5f hcp (5) gd 58.77s.
GLORY FIGHTER 17-2 (9-1, Cam Hardie) Edged right start, led, driven over 1f out, headed entering final furlong, held towards finish, 2nd of 6, 1/2l behind Albegone (8-13) at Catterick 5f hcp (4) gs in May 1m 01.12s.

2.45	EDINBURGH GIN CANNONBALL HANDICAP (3)	1m 2f 70yds
Winner	£12,740 (11 run)	
1 (9)	23-022 BOX TO BOX (36) H Palmer 5 9-10 (CD ⁹)	A Keeley (3) 96
2 (11)	19-210 CITY STREAK (15) A Balding 5 9-8 (CD ⁹)	D Probert 94
3 (4)	347729 KING'S CODE (15) (V) P Evans 4 9-6 (C ⁹)	J Peate (3) 92
4 (8)	468-74 GAASSEE (27) (P) A Watson 6 9-4 (CD)	H Doyle 90
5 (10)	122710 LOYAL TOUCH (15) C Johnston 4 9-2 (D)	J Fanning 88
6 (4)	5211/0 GLAM DE VEGA (29) H R Varian 5 9-0	R Dawson 86
7 (5)	29-300 AUTUMN FESTIVAL (15) E De Giles 5 9-0	C Shepherd 86
8 (1)	2/23-1 HOSANNA POWER (29) Sir M Stoute 4 8-13 (D)	R Kingscote 85
9 (7)	4562/8 DESERT EMPEROR (12) M & D Easterby 7 8-10	Ryan Sexton 82
10 (2)	3-0053 WOODSTOCK CITY (36) I Williams 4 8-9 (D)	C Fallon 81
11 (6)	088-37 UNITED FRONT F O'Brien 7 8-6 (D ⁹)	C Brace 78
BETTING: 72 Hosanna Power, 4 Box To Box, 9-2 City Streak, 7 Woodstock City, 15-2 Glam De Vega, 8 Loyal Touch, 12 Gaassee, 14 King's Code, 20 Others.		

TOP JOCKEYS: Franny Norton 24-187 (12.8%), Richard Kingscote 24-151 (15.9%), David Probert 18-115 (15.7%), Joe Fanning 9-32 (28.1%), Andrew Mullen 5-59 (8.5%), Zak Wheatley 4-16 (25.0%), Ray Dawson 3-10 (30.0%), Hollie Doyle 2-32 (6.2%), R Sexton 2-15 (13.3%), Cieren Fallon 2-12 (16.7%).
CHEEKPICES: 2.10 Count D'Orsay, Paws For Thought, Reigning Profit, 2.45 Gaassee*, 3.20 Teraabb, 3.55 Byzantine Empire, Diamand De Vindecy, Lusaka, Sharp Distinction, 4.30 Hyperfocus, 5.04 Achnamara, Byzantine Empire, Percy Willis, Rocha Do Leao*, 5.35 Precision Storm, Tango Man.
TONGUE STRAPS: 2.10 Copper Knight, Wen Moon*, 3.20 Monfrid, 3.55 El Borracho, Rich Belief, Sharp Distinction, Teqany, 4.30 Faro De San Juan, Supreme King, 5.04 Grey Fable, Sutue Alshams, 5.35 Gordon Grey, Polar Princess*, Precision Storm, She's A Novelty, Tango Man. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 4.30 Faro De San Juan.
1ST TIME HOODS: 5.04 Order Of Malta.
LONG-AST TRAVELLER: Rich Belief (3.55) Ireland; Byzantine Empire (3.55) & Lusaka (3.55) trained at . Round trip of 904 miles.
FAVOURITES: (2019-2024): 150 have won out of 476 races (31.5%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 7 have won out of 30 races (23.3%).

STABLE MOVERS

Horses which are having their first run for a new trainer.
BATH: 1.45 Kiss My Face (B Ellison to A Ralph), 4.05 Cochin (M Harris to R G Hawker), 4.05 Surfer Dude (W Muir & C Grassick to Ollie Sangster), 5.15 Havana Goldrush (J S Moore to J & R Flint).
CHESTER: 5.04 Grey Fable (S Lavery to K Thornton), 5.04 Rocha Do Leao (J Chapple-Hyam to Jack Jones).
LEICESTER: 9.00 Indication Court (Craig Lidster to D Faulkner).
SANDOWN: None.
YORK: 2.25 Austrian Theory (C Johnston to T Easterby), 2.25 Bear Force One (R Teal to M Dods), 2.25 Golden Pharaoh (S Caerres to S Dixon), 2.25 Yernanthere (A Kinirons to T Easterby), 3.35 Cover Point (W Haggas to J Camacho), 4.45 John Chard Vc (C Cox to R Fell & S Murray).
HEXHAM: 4.17 Scattercash (N Twiston-Davies to S Cameron), 5.27 Macavity (J Teal to T Davidson), 5.27 Muoroo (V Thompson to H Burns), 5.27 So Be It (W G Young to W Young Jnr), 6.00 Auld Toon Loon (D O'Meara to L Russell), 6.00 What A Flirth (D E Prendergast to D Skelton), 6.30 Equality Mans (Charles Clark to P Kirby), 7.00 Dinons (M Campion to B Ellison), 7.00 Famous Response (Charlotte Tailford to G Bewley).
UTTOXETER: 5.07 Near Dark (Alexandra Dunn to H Daly), 5.40 Valsad (J Osborne to Harry Derham), 6.40 Gamalou D'alene (C Willes to N Twiston-Davies), 6.40 Jean Genie (L Price to T Vaughan), 8.45 Granny Smith (Benny Walsh to D Pipe), 8.45 O'grady's Hill (Robert Tector to Harry Derham), 8.45 That'll Do Moss (John Dawson to F O'Brien).

RACE TRENDS

Highlighting any races which a trainer has won twice or more in the past 10 years.
BATH C Cox won the 2.20 in 2019 and '23.
HEXHAM M Todhunter won the 4.52 in 2019 and '23.
SANDOWN J & T Gosden won the 3.50 in 2018 and '22.
UTTOXETER D Skelton won the 5.07 in 2016 and '17.
YORK R Fahey won the 4.10 in 2016 and '17. W Haggas won the 3.00 in 2017 and '21. D O'Meara won the 5.20 in 2014 and '15. T Easterby won the 3.35 in 2014 and '17 and the 4.45 in 2018 and '19.

FIT AND READY

Horses which have won in the last 7 days.
Violet Love (2.20 Bath) won at Cheshlow (5f).
Organic (4.05 Bath) won at Yarmouth (7f) hcp.
Local Bay (5.15 Bath) won at Bath (1m) hcp.
Voltaic (8.30 Leicester) won at Brighton (1m).
Great Blasket (2.05 Sandown) won at Nottingham (1m) hcp.
Nighteyes (2.40 Sandown) won at Haydock (6f) hcp.
Gibside (1.50 York) won at Catterick (1m6f) hcp.
Tolstoy (2.25 York) won at York (7f) hcp.
We Gotta Getaway (6.10 Uttoxeter) won at Market Rasen (2m5f) hcp.
Unwanted Attention (6.40 Uttoxeter) won at Market Rasen (2m5f) hcp.
Giulietta (7.10 Uttoxeter) won at Worcester (2m4f) hcp.

GOING: Good.

COURSE: Left-handed, very sharp track of just over 1m round with a short run-in.

DRAW: Low numbers best.

TOP TRAINERS: Andrew Balding 36-189 (19.0%), Richard Fahey 31-265 (11.7%), Hugo Palmer 21-120 (17.5%), Tim Easterby 19-163 (11.7%), Ian Williams 14-210 (6.7%), David Evans 12-72 (16.7%), William Haggas 10-40 (25.0%), Richard Hannon 8-57 (14.0%), Roger Varian 8-42 (19.0%), Declan Carroll 7-43 (16.3%).

3.20	HORSERADISH CATERING & EVENTS ROODEE HANDICAP (2) (3-Y-O)	7f 127yds
Winner	£30,576 (14 run)	
1 (12)	322-52 WITNESS STAND (37) Tom Clover 9-9 (C)	H Doyle 97
2 (4)	230833 BLUE PRINCE (21) P Evans 9-2	R Kingscote 90
3 (8)	43162- SAILTHISSHPALONE (246) R Fahey 9-0	Ryan Sexton 88
4 (10)	8-4116 PRINCESS ALEX (14) K R Burke 8-13	S Feilden (7) 87
5 (11)	8-8224 LOVE BILLY BOY (15) R Hannon 8-11	F Norton 85
6 (1)	423-16 TERAABB (36) (P) C Fellowes 8-9 (BF)	C Shepherd 83
7 (7)	8-6114 BRUNEL NATION (21) R Hughes 8-9	F Marsh 83
8 (2)	22-15 MONFRID (21) (T) W Haggas 8-8	C Fallon 82
9 (9)	972-10 PUREFOY (42) A Balding 8-	D Probert 82
10 (14)	12-631 BURDETT (21) J Channon 8-8	R Dawson 82
11 (13)	2210-3 EXPERT CHOICE (14) (B) R Fahey 8-8	A Mullen 82
12 (6)	231-0 PITNEY (42) H Palmer 8-6	A Keeley (3) 80
13 (5)	21-37 SECRET WORLD (7) C Johnston 8-5	J Fanning 79
14 (3)	200-76 MISEMERALD (21) P Kirby 8-2	Jack Enright (7) 71
BETTING: 9-2 Witness Stand, 5 Monfrid, 6 Blue Prince, 7 Brunel Nation, 10 Love Billy Boy, Teraabb, 12 Salthissshipalone, Expert Choice, Burdett, 16 Others.		
2023: SAXON KING 9 6, Kieran Shoemark 15-2 (C Hills), drawn (10), 10 ran.		
WITNESS STAND 22-1 (9-9, D Tudhope) Raced wide tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, ridden and kept on one pace final furlong, 2nd of 7, 2l behind Never So Brave (9-6) at Chester 1m 3yo hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May 1m 32.92s.		
BLUE PRINCE 9-1 (8-12, Tom Marquand) Mid-division, effort when not much room over 1f out, went 3rd inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 13, 1 1/2l behind Qirat (8-10) at Goodwood 7f 3yo hcp (2) gd in May 1m 25.94s.		
SAILTHISSHPALONE 28-1 (9-1, J Garrity) Midfield, headway to lead over 2f out, soon ridden, kept on well but headed towards finish, 2nd of 16, nk behind Aplarist (9-0) at York 7f 2yo skt (2) stt in Oct 1m 30.76s.		
PRINCESS ALEX 18-1 (8-7, J Fanning) Raced keenly, prominent, asked for effort over 2f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 6th of 8, 8l behind Jabaara (8-7) at Musselburgh 7f Ill stks (1) gd 1m 27.34s.		
LOVE BILLY BOY 6-1 (9-9, P J Dobbs) Switched right to race towards rear side of centre over 5f out, tracked leader in group, led that group inside final 2f and drifted left, ridden when hung left and hampered over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 4th of 8, 4l behind Mickley (9-7) at Doncaster 7f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May 1m 24.26s.		
TERAABB 11-44v (9-7, J P Spencer) Steadied and switched left start to race initially in centre group, switched back right towards far side 6f out, held up in rear, ridden and no real progress over 1f out, 6th of 11, 7l behind The Ice Phoenix (9-4) at Ascot 1m 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 1m 42.20s.		
BRUNEL NATION 12-1 (8-5, George Rooke) Bumped start, held up towards rear, switched left and headway from over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 4th of 13, 2l behind Qirat (8-10) at Goodwood 7f 3yo hcp (2) gd in May 1m 25.94s.		
MONFRID 20-1 (8-4, A J Farragher) Tracked leaders, driven over 1f out, unable to quicken inside final furlong, 5th of 13, 2l behind Qirat (8-10) at Goodwood 7f 3yo hcp (2) gd in May 1m 25.94s.		
PUREFOY 9-1 (9-6, Oisin Murphy) Raced centre, prominent, weakened quickly over 2f out, soon behind, last of 19, 40l behind Key To Cotai (9-8) at Newmarket 7f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 1m 25.40s.		
BURDETT 14-1 (9-5, K Shoemark) Mid-division, headway over 2f out, pushed along and switched left over 1f out, ridden and led 1f out, stayed on strongly, won at York 7f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May beating Sea The Dream (9-7) by 2l, 19 ran 1m 26.19s.		
EXPERT CHOICE 20-1 (9-6, O J Orr) Took keen hold, midfield, pushed along and headway over 2f out, stayed on inside final furlong, 3rd of 8, 5l behind Watcha Maley (9-9) at Musselburgh 1m 1f 3yo hcp 0-95 (3) gd 1m 53.59s.		
PITNEY 11-1 (9-5, James Doyle) Raced centre, never closer than mid-division, 15th of 19, 13l behind Key To Cotai (9-8) at Newmarket 7f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 1m 25.40s.		
SECRET WORLD 12-1 (9-4, J Fanning) In touch in mid-division on outside, closed over 3f out, hung left and lost place over 1f out, 7th of 9, 13l behind Dashing Darcy (9-10) at Haydock 1m 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 43.72s.		
MISEMERALD 28-1 (9-2, Jason Hart) Mid-division, ridden 2f out, plugged on, never a danger, 6th of 19, 4 1/2l behind Burdett (9-5) at York 7f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 26.19s.		

3.55	PRECISION FACADES HANDICAP (4)	1m 7f 196yds
Winner	£7,644 (13 run)	
1 (7)	2731-9 WIND YOUR NECK IN (87) P Evans 5 9-11	R Kingscote 82
2 (1)	11-341 PLUS POINT (14) Harry Eustace 4 9-9	G Wood 80
3 (4)	133-48 ZIMMERMAN (21) T Easterby 5 9-7 (D)	S B Kirrane 78
4 (13)	-66020 HAVEYOU MISSEDME (55) I Jardine 6 9-7 (D)	A Mullen 78
5 (11)	448-83 RICH BELIEF (21) (B,T) K Thornton (IRE) 7 9-5	R Colgan 76
6 (6)	1511-0 LUSAKA (54) (P) J & R Flint 6 9-5	Taylor Fisher (3) 76
7 (12)	238-44 SHARP DISTINCTION (21) (P,T) Miss A Murphy 5 9-4	H Doyle 75
8 (2)	155-35 PERCY JONES (21) M Loughnane 5 9-4	F Marsh 75
9 (8)	152-4 EL BORRACHO (T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 9 9-3	Ryan Sexton 74
10 (5)	8-321 DIAMAND DE VINDECY (9) (P) R Bevis 5 8-13 (D)	F Norton 70
11 (3)	24113/ TEQANY (T) F O'Brien 10 8-12 (D)	C Brace 69
12 (10)	36-616 QUEENSLAND BOY (42) I Williams 4 8-9 (D)	C Fallon 66
13 (9)	-9428- BYZANTINE EMPIRE (P) J & R Flint 7 8-6 (BF)	Doubtful 63
BETTING: 9-2 Plus Point, 5 Rich Belief, 6 Diamand De Vindecy, 7 Sharp Distinction, 8 Percy Jones, 10 Wind Your Neck In, Queensland Boy, Zimmerman, 12 Others.		
2023: CAPONE 8 8 8, Ben Curtis 6-4 Fav (D F Davis), drawn (3), 7 ran.		

4.30	EDINBURGH GIN CLASSIC HANDICAP (4)	6f 17yds
Winner	£7,644 (12 run)	
1 (12)	40-504 PRINCESS SHABNAM (24) S Woods 5 9-9 (D ⁹)	Kaiya Fraser (5) 84
2 (3)	214-22 MYTHICAL PHOENIX (28) J Camacho 4 9-8 (BF)	J Fanning 83
3 (11)	90-070 INDIAN CREAK (33) J Channon 7 9-7 (D ⁹)	D Probert 82
4 (8)	074-80 HYPERFOCUS (31) (P) T Easterby 10 9-7 (D ⁹)	S B Kirrane 82
5 (6)	29-585 MONSIEUR KODI (9) R Fahey 5 9-6 (D ⁹)	Ryan Sexton 81
6 (7)	461413 SUPREME KING (15) (T) P Evans 4 9-5 (BF,D ⁹)	R Kingscote 80
7 (9)	86494- FARO DE SAN JUAN (224) (T) D Cunha 5 9-5 (CD)	R Clutterbuck 80
8 (10)	323233 SLAINTED MHATH (17) K Scott 6 9-0 (BF,D ⁹)	C Fallon 75
9 (5)	365352 EXALTED ANGEL (26) K R Burke 8 8-13 (D)	S Feilden (7) 74
10 (4)	856732 EVOCATIVE SPARK (17) Darryll Holland 5 8-13 (C ⁹)	F Norton 74
11 (2)	503-43 THANKUAPPRECIATE (32) D Carroll 4 8-11 (BF,D)	Z Wheatley (3) 72
12 (1)	041424 KING OF TONGA (5) (B) D Carroll 8 8-9 (BF,CD)	H Doyle 70
BETTING: 9-2 Mythical Phoenix, 13-2 Supreme King, 7 Thankuappreciate, Slainte Mhath, 15-2 Monsieur Kodi, 8 Exalted Angel, Evocative Spark, 10 Princess Shabnam, 12 Others.		
2023: FARO DE SAN JUAN 4 9 6, G Cheyne 25-1 (D Cunha), drawn (8), 10 ran.		

5.04	EDINBURGH GIN SEASIDE HANDICAP (DIV 1) (5)	1m 4f 63yds
Winner	£7,644 (10 run)	
1 (1)	3226-1 RICHARD P SMITH (33) E Dunlop 5 9-11	R Clutterbuck 77
2 (5)	63-773 DREAMS ADOZEN (10) (V) C Johnston 4 9-9 (C)	J Fanning 75
3 (6)	057-72 ROCHA DO LEAO (66) (P) Jack Jones 4 9-8	C Shepherd 74
4 (7)	4454-4 ORDER OF MALTA (36) (H) H Palmer 4 9-6 (BF)	D Probert 72
5 (9)	3816-0 SUTUE ALSHAMS (13) (B,T) I Jardine 4 9-4 (D)	A Mullen 70
6 (4)	39-952 TIME TELLS ALL (10) D Carroll 4 9-2	C Fallon 68
7 (8)	313253 PERCY WILLIS (34) (P) J O'Keefe 6 9-0 (D ⁹)	F Marsh 66
8 (10)	9-5867 ACHNAMARA (7) (P) P Kirby 5 8-13 (D ⁹)	H Doyle 65
9 (3)	-9428- BYZANTINE EMPIRE (P) J & R Flint 7 8-11 (BF)	C Brace 63
10 (2)	86-803 GREY FABLE (41) (T) K Thornton (IRE) 4 8-7	R Dawson 59
BETTING: 4 Richard P Smith, 9-2 Time Tells All, Order Of Malta, 5 Dreams Adozen, 15-2 Rocha Do Leao, 8 Grey Fable, 10 Percy Willis, 14 Byzantine Empire, 16 Others.		
2023: THE THUNDERER 5 9 13, Ben Curtis 7-2 (Ollie Sangster), drawn (7), 8 ran.		

5.35	EDINBURGH GIN SEASIDE HANDICAP (DIV 2) (5)	1m 4f 63yds
Winner	£7,644 (9 run)	
1 (7)	325-3 TANGO MAN (12) (P,T) G Boughey 4 9-9	T Jakes (5) 75
2 (5)	619842 SAX APPEAL (8) C Johnston 4 9-9 (D)	J Fanning 75
3 (1)	-13-77 EYETRAP (21) J Chapple-Hyam 4 9-5	J Peate (3) 71
4 (8)	569-12 OMAN (21) B A Carroll 6 9-5 (CD)	Z Wheatley (3) 71
5 (9)	392221 GORDON GREY (22) (T) B Brookhouse 4 9-2 (D)	F Norton 68
6 (2)	2311-5 SHE'S A NOVELTY (15) (T) F O'Brien 9 9-1 (D)	B Sanderson (3) 67
7 (3)	322185 POLAR PRINCESS (17) (T) P Kirby 4 9-0 (D)	H Doyle 66
8 (4)	8-8565 PRECISION STORM (48) (P,T) M Loughnane 7 8-12 (C)	F Marsh 64
9 (6)	66439 ROSE DONNELLY (29) H Palmer 4 8-9	D Probert 61
BETTING: 10-3 Oman, 7-2 Gordon Grey, 4 Tango Man, 9-2 Sax Appeal, 8 She's A Novelty, 10 Eyetrapp, 14 Precision Storm, Polar Princess, 33 Rose Donnelly.		

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GARRY OWEN	PA
5.17 CELEBORN	CELEBORN
5.48 TIMEFALL	FEARLESS FREDDY
6.18 ROYAL DREAM	SIEMPRE ARTURO
6.53 BASILETTE	CAMACHO MAN
7.25 MUTAMANNI	MUTAMANNI
8.00 SHARK TWO ONE	YELLOW PAGES
8.30 VOLTAIC	KODEBREAKER
9.00 PERIANTH	HURRICANE POWER

GOING: Good-Good to Firm in places.
COURSE: Right-handed oval track 1m 5f with a 5f straight. There is a straight mile.
DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage, especially when the ground is soft.

5.17 LAWMAN COMMERCIALS EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1) (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,664 (10 run) 7f

1 (9)	ANTIQUITY	J Osborne 9-7	W Carver (3)	—
2 (7)	ARDADS DREAM	M Usher 9-7	T Heard (3)	—
3 (2)	BAYLANDO	(21) M Murphy & M Keady 9-7	D Keenan	—
4 (5)	CELEBORN	G Boughey 9-7	Billy Loughnane	—
5 (1)	CHESNEYS CHARM	M Bell 9-7	K Stott	—
6 (3)	FEELING HIGH	Harry Charlton 9-7	D Muscutt	—
7 (8)	METRO DUBAI	(V) S & E Crisford 9-7	R Coakley	—
8 (6)	PERFRIDIA	(22) T Easterby 9-7	D Fentiman	—
9 (10)	ALEISHKA	E Dunlop 9-2	Joanna Mason	—
10 (4)	WEDADI	C Johnston 9-2	R Hornby	—

BETTING: 13-8 Celeborn, 9-2 Metro Dubai, 5 Wedadi, 6 Chesneys Charm, 7 Aleishka, 12 Feeling High, 20 Antiquity, 25 Ardads Dream, 33 Others.
2023: GOLDEN BUNGLE 9-2, Ray Dawson 50-1 (I Furtado), drawn (11), 13 ran.

5.48 LAWMAN COMMERCIALS EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 2) (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,664 (9 run) 7f

1 (2)	BY THE GLASS	D Loughnane 9-7	Laura Pearson	—
2 (9)	CORRIAMO	(26) M Trengony 9-7	D Costello	—
3 (6)	FEARLESS FREDDY	(8) W Muir & C Grassick 9-7	L Edmunds	—
4 (5)	FREAK ENCOUNTER	(8) J Osborne 9-7	W Carver (3)	—
5 (1)	JACK ANDREA	R Eddery 9-7	Dylan Hogan	—
6 (4)	KISSING STRANGERS	Alice Haynes 9-7	C Howarth (3)	—
7 (7)	TESTIMONIAL	T Easterby 9-7	D Fentiman	—
8 (8)	SOPELARA	G Scott 9-2	D Keenan	—
9 (3)	TIMEFALL	R Beckett 9-2	R Hornby	—

BETTING: 11-8 Fearless Freddy, 11-4 Timefall, 7 Sopedara, 8 Kissing Strangers, 12 By The Glass, Testimonial, 20 Corriamo, 33 Jack Andrea, Freak Encounter.

6.18 JEWEL OF WINE - LA JOYA GRAN RESERVA HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,664 (9 run) 1m 2f

1 (8)	5-9181 ROYAL DREAM	(23) (T) E Dunlop 4 9-10 (D ⁹)..D Muscutt	73
2 (5)	1-2105 SIEMPRE ARTURO	(33) D & C Kubler 4 9-10 (D)	—
		Dylan Hogan	73
3 (6)	-50476 TARBAAN	(23) (T) Miss A Murphy 5 9-9 (D ⁹)..R Kavanagh (7)	72
4 (7)	124600 MASQOOL	(24) (P) H Evans 6 9-9 (D ⁹).....Laura Pearson	72
5 (1)	4-2169 GISELLES DEFENCE	(13) I Williams 4 9-7 (D)	—
		Josephine Gordon	70
6 (9)	764946 TIGER BEETLE	(48) (B) M Rimell 6 9-7..Billy Loughnane	70
7 (3)	54150 OLYMPICUS	(232) (H) M Appleby 5 9-6 (BF,D)..A Rawlinson	69
8 (2)	69-765 FLIGHT OF ANGELS	(9) (H) C Johnston 4 9-1 (BF,D)..K Stott	64
9 (4)	3599-0 FAVORITE BOY	(B) M Appleby 4 8-10.....Joanna Mason	59

BETTING: 11-4 Royal Dream, 5 Flight Of Angels, 11-2 Olympicus, 6 Giselles Defence, Siempre Arturo, 8 Tarbaan, 10 Tiger Beetle, 14 Favorite Boy, 20 Masqool.

6.53 PERFECT DAY FOR PIMM'S & PROSECCO HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,140 (12 run) 1m 3f 179yds

1 (11)	0-0123 DUBAI IMMO	(19) (P) W Stone 5 9-11.....Billy Loughnane	57
2 (8)	4042-5 SHIP TO SHORE	(16) P Chamings 6 9-11.....D Muscutt	57
3 (3)	-75332 BASILETTE	(18) (P) Seamus Mullins 5 9-9.....G Downing	55
4 (4)	72-311 CAMACHO MAN	(11) L Horsfall 7 9-9 (C,D).....R Hornby	55
5 (12)	55-5P- CHICAGO GAL	M & D Easterby 5 9-9.....Joanna Mason	55
6 (10)	155-06 A SHINING MOON	(P) P Midgley 6 9-9.....	—
		O McSweeney (3)	55
7 (2)	0-7-7 ZANAGOR	(49) J Feilden 4 9-8.....Dylan Hogan	54

8 (7)	7-0455 DEE'S DREAM	(12) (P,T) M Murphy & M Keady 4 9-7 (BF,D)	—
		Sorcha Woods (7)	53
9 (5)	12-637 FOURSOME	(19) Olly Williams 5 9-6.....D Fentiman	52
10 (1)	024413 THREE DONS	(8) A Carroll 5 9-2 (C).....Molly Gunn (7)	48
11 (6)	5874-7 LITTLE TIGER	(23) W Stone 4 9-0.....Laura Pearson	44
12 (9)	8780-9 RAINCLOUD	M Chapman 4 9-0.....Josephine Gordon	43

BETTING: 7-2 Basilette, 4 Camacho Man, 6 Dee's Dream, 7 Dubai Immo, Ship To Shore, 8 Three Dons, 10 A Shining Moon, 12 Foursome, 16 Others.
2023: MY CHIUQUITA 4 9 13, S D Bowen(7) 7-4 (B Brookhouse), drawn (1), 3 ran.

7.25 CHARLES HENRY & SONS HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) Winner £5,234 (6 run) 5f

1 (2)	19-580 MIDNIGHT LIR	(28) M Dods 9-9 (D ⁹).....Rhys Elliott (7)	80
2 (1)	421 MUTAMANNI	(12) G Boughey 9-9 (D).....Billy Loughnane	80
3 (6)	126-06 MASTER OF MY FATE	(14) J & S Quinn 9-4 (D)..P Mathers	75
4 (3)	24-220 DOCTOR VUBY	(14) M & D Easterby 9-2.....Joanna Mason	73
5 (5)	221-30 WINGED MESSENGER	(38) (H) J Camacho 9-1 (D).....	—
		O McSweeney (3)	72
6 (4)	5-1892 STASH THE CASH	(14) T Easterby 8-12 (D)..D Fentiman	69

BETTING: 11-8 Mutamanni, 10-3 Stash The Cash, 6 Master Of My Fate, 7 Winged Messenger, 8 Doctor Vuby, 10 Midnight Lir.

8.00 WILSON FAMILY HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,664 (14 run) 6f

1 (14)	600-03 KODI RED	(8) (B) Darryll Holland 4 10-3 (D)..Liam Wright (5)	69
2 (8)	21-007 EL MONTEJEAN	(17) (H) M Walford 4 10-3 (D)..D Costello	69
3 (1)	4312-0 GENTLE ELLEN	(40) D & N Barron 5 10-1 (D ⁹).....D Nolan	67
4 (11)	00689- MOTAGALLY	(176) (B) S Dixon 8 10-1 (D ⁹).....T Heard (3)	67
5 (6)	3832-5 SPECIAL MAYSON	(63) Mrs P Sly 6 9-11 (BF,D)..S W Kelly	63
6 (12)	966-43 YELLOW PAGES	(21) (B) J Watson 3 9-9.....J Bryan	69
7 (7)	-50234 SHARK TWO ONE	(7) (B) Jessica Macey 6 9-7 (BF,D)	—
		L Edmunds	59
8 (9)	17-507 THE COLA KID	(7) (B,T) G Harris 7 9-7 (D ⁹).....K Stott	59
9 (13)	011-25 RUSHEEN BOY	(38) (H,T) J Feilden 3 9-6 (D ⁹).....Dylan Hogan	66
10 (4)	-48114 CARLTON AND CO	(114) M & D Easterby 5 9-6 (BF)	—
		Joanna Mason	58

11 (2)	-48114 SUB THIRTEEN	(21) A Carroll 3 9-5 (D).....W Carson	65
12 (3)	4087 SOLDIER'S CLASS	(40) E Dunlop 3 9-2.....D Muscutt	62
13 (5)	156384 BLUE COLLAR LAD	(11) Alice Haynes 5 9-1 (D)..C Howarth (3)	53
14 (10)	8-1500 KOJI	(33) I Furtado 3 9-0.....Ele-May Croot (7)	60

BETTING: 5 Blue Collar Lad, 6 Kodi Red, 7 Shark Two One, Sub Thirteen, 10 Carlton And Co, The Cola Kid, Yellow Pages, Rusheen Boy, Special Mayson, 12 Others.
2023: MIGHTY GURKHA 5 10 0, Mr Taylor Fisher(5) 3-1 Fav (A Watson), drawn (5), 7 ran.

8.30 INSPIRATIONS CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) Winner £3,140 (10 run) 7f

1 (6)	-64551 VOLTAIC	(8) (V) A Carroll 8 9-11 (D).....Molly Gunn (7)	52
2 (1)	642412 KONDRATIEV WAVE	(8) (P) A Carroll 7 9-10 (BF,D)	—
		W Carson	51
3 (8)	362522 CUBANISTA	(18) Olly Williams 5 9-9 (D).....D Fentiman	49
4 (5)	47300- GONZAGA	(26) J Bennett 9 9-9.....Laura Coughlan (3)	45
5 (3)	353522 KODEBREAKER	(19) (P) M Harrington 5 9-9 (D ⁹).....	—
		Dylan Hogan	48
6 (9)	732857 MY BOY JACK	(86) K Frost 5 9-9.....Joanna Mason	47
7 (7)	755568 PRINCESS NAOMI	(16) M Millman 4 9-9 (D ⁹)..R Coakley	48
8 (10)	662-93 REVE DE MAGRITTE	(152) E De Giles 5 9-9 D Muscutt	49
9 (2)	315973 SEA THE BUCKTHORN	(23) (H) M Usher 4 9-9 (D).....	—
		T Heard (3)	47
10 (4)	26-709 TWILIGHT JAZZ	(47) (P) P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 4 9-9 (CD)	—
		Billy Loughnane	46

BETTING: 3 Voltaic, 7-2 Kondratiev Wave, 5 Cubanista, Kodebreaker, 11 My Boy Jack, Sea The Buckthorn, Reve De Magritte, 14 Princess Naomi, 33 Others.

9.00 TWIN FIN RUM HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,664 (10 run) 7f

1 (4)	0527-5 SWORDPLAY	(34) C Johnston 9-11.....Archie Young (7)	74
2 (6)	21-498 BELLA BISBEE	(18) E Dunlop 9-10.....Billy Loughnane	73
3 (8)	2238 MOON MAN	(34) D O'Meara 9-9.....Joanna Mason	72
4 (3)	2378-3 HURRICANE POWER	(8) (P) P & O Cole 9-9.....K Stott	72
5 (1)	51-307 INDIVAR	(21) D O'Meara 9-8.....D Nolan	71
6 (2)	723-82 WONDER SMILE	(21) (T) H Palmer 9-7.....R Coakley	70
7 (5)	3-2646 ENPASSANT	(14) J Fanshawe 9-7.....D Muscutt	70
8 (10)	43-674 NOVATION	(17) G Kelleway 9-6.....Liam Wright (5)	69
9 (9)	63-61 PERIANTH	(18) Mrs P Sly 9-9.....S W Kelly	65
10 (7)	907-01 INDICATION COURT	(18) (P) D Faulkner 8-11 (CD).....	—
		Laura Pearson	60

BETTING: 10-3 Perianth, 9-2 Indication Court, 5 Wonder Smile, 6 Hurricane Power, 7 Enpassant, 10 Moon Man, 12 Swordplay, Indivar, 16 Others.

HEXHAM SKY SPORTS RACING.

GARRY OWEN	PA
4.17 HUIT REFLETS	BYRON HILL
4.52 DIVAS DOYEN	JET PATROL
5.27 NOT NOW TAYTO	MACAVITY
6.00 IF YOU LET ME	IF YOU LET ME
6.30 IMPERIAL DATA	WELL EDUCATED
7.00 TIGGA TIME	SWALLOWS SONG

4.17 NORTHUMBERLAND YOUNG FARMERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £4,753 (12 run) 2m 48yds

1	6127-7 MISTER MOODLES	(20) R Menzies 6 12-0.....A Anderson	104
2	7U33-2 BYRON HILL	(36) P Neville 7 11-2.....J Williamson	102
3	03459- KOPA KILANA	(23) (T) M Barnes 7 11-1 (D)..Conor Rabbitt	91
4	26-68 TUSCAN GENIUS	(17) B Ellison 7 10-11.....D Johnston	87
5	63-322 HUIT REFLETS	(14) (V) M Walford 7 10-10.....T Midgley	86
6	43-P-6 GINE SACRE	(23) Miss P Robson 8 10-5.....B Lynn	81
7	0750-0 MONTY NEVETT	(38) M Hammond 5 10-4.....Doubtful	80
8	7453-7 FOXWOOD	(6) (P) G Bewley 6 10-2.....P J Kavanagh	73
9	352-75 BOYNESIDE	(14) F Murtagh 5 10-2.....William Maggs	73
10	FP-8P- SCATTERCASH	(99) S Cameron 8 10-2..Emma Smith-Chaston	73
11	F57-P- RHYME SCHEME	(32) T P Winks 7 10-2.....P W Wadge	72
12	P73-P- FRANKIES FIRE	(56) J Walton 11 10-2 (BF,C)..Charlotte Jones	64

BETTING: 2 Byron Hill, 9-4 Huit Reflets, 9-2 Mister Moodles, 8 Gine Sacre, 16 Kopa Kilana, Boyneside, Foxwood, 20 Tuscan Genius, 25 Others.
2023: SNOWED IN 14 10 10, C Rabbitt(3) 14-1 (Lizzie Quinlan), 10 ran.

4.52 ANDY CALVERT CELEBRATION HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £4,832 (10 run) 1m 7f 133yds

1	3P54-1 SHADOWS IN THE SKY	(25) (P,T) C Grant 8 12-0 (C).....	—
		D McMenamin	100
2	464PP- BREAKING THE ICE	(154) G Bewley 9 12-0 (C).....J Bewley	100
3	2P344- JET PATROL	(95) A M Thomson 7 11-9.....R Mania	95
4	668P-5 DREAM JET	(36) B Ellison 6 11-6.....Craig Nichol	92
5	P5P-27 AUGHARUE	(13) W Coltherd 7 11-1.....S Coltherd	87
6	2P2P-2 DIVAS DOYEN	(25) F S Foster 7 10-12.....P W Wadge (3)	84
7	3454-6 GOING MOBILE	(37) (B,T) S England 9 10-11 (CD)..J England	83
8	2125-8 KICKSAFTERSIX	(36) (H) M Todhunter 8 10-9 (CD).....	—
		Sean Quinlan	81

GOING: Good-Good to Soft in places.
COURSE: Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, ten easy fences and a run-in of 220 yards. There is a stiff climb to the finish.

9	/334-P ROLLERRULER	(25) W Coltherd 10 10-9 (CD).....E Austin (5)	81
10	PP-U6 BARLEY BREEZE	(17) W Coltherd 7 10-2.....R Chapman	74

BETTING: 15-8 Shadows In The Sky, 3 Divas Doyen, 7 Dream Jet, Jet Patrol, 10 Going Mobile, 12 Rollerruler, 14 Augharue, 16 Kicksaftersix, 25 Others.
2023: KICKSAFTERSIX 7 11 2, Sean Quinlan 4-1 (M Todhunter), 8 ran.

5.27 CLEANSWEEP HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £5,043 (14 run) 3m 41yds

1	541P-7 BREAKDANCE KID	(31) (P) W Coltherd 6 12-0 (D)..S Coltherd	98
2	237-55 CASTLETOWN	(20) (V) L Russell 12 11-13 (D)..P W Wadge (3)	97
3	8P24-3 RIBEYE	(8) P Atkinson 9 11-8 (C,D)..Thomas Dowson	92
4	342-P4 LIGHTS ARE GREEN	(14) G Bewley 7 11-8 (CD)..J Bewley	92
5	PP5-12 MACAVITY	(25) (B) T Davidson 6 11-7 (BF,D ⁹).....H Reed	91
6	P5-552 SO BE IT	(28) (T) W Young Jnr 8 11-6.....D R Fox	90
7	P/26-P ARTIC BREEZE	(25) (P,T) L Russell 8 10-12 (C-D) Craig Nichol	82
8	693-45 WEST LAWN	(23) J Walton 8 10-12 10-12.....Charlotte Jones (3)	82
9	6/6F-5 GUN MERCHANT	(31) Mrs A C Hamilton 11 10-8..J Hamilton	78
10	053P-2 NOT NOW TAYTO	(14) (T) T Collier 6 10-7.....Sean Quinlan	77
11	P14P-P GOODOLDBILL	(42) (P) Mrs J Walton 8 10-4 (D)..R Chapman	74
12	12750-P BUTO	(P,T) M Hammond 7 10-2 (C)..Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	69
13	353P3P MUROOR	(432) H Burns 11 10-2.....E Austin (5)	69
14	44994-P DARK DUOMO	(20) (B,T) M Hammond 6 10-2.....C O'Farrell	69

BETTING: 5-2 Not Now Tayto, 5 Ribeye, 11-2 Castletown, 10 West Lawn, Lights Are Green, 12 Macavity, 14 Artic Breeze, 16 Dark Duomo, Buto, Goodoldbill, Breakdance Kid, 20 Others.
2023: HAPPY LA VIE 6 10 2, Danny McMenamin 6-4 Fav (J Ewart), 7 ran.

6.00 CLARKE MAIRS NOVICES' HURDLE (3) Winner £7,352 (14 run) 2m 48yds

1	233-11 SHENGAI ENKI	(14) Dr R Newland & J Insole 5 11-12 (D).H Cobden	115
2	7/56-1 IF YOU LET ME	(29) (H) G Cromwell (IRE) 5 11-8 (D).....	—
		K M Donoghue	—
3	AULD TOON LOON	(T) L Russell 5 11-2.....D R Fox	—
4	P49-79 FAIRLY FULLING	(20) (H) Mrs J Walton 6 11-2..R Chapman	—
5	U21-84 FAMOUS LISS	(20) W Coltherd 6 11-2.....S Coltherd	—

UTTOXETER SKY SPORTS RACING.

GARRY OWEN	PA
5.07 JAFIMGOSO	HARD AS NAILS
5.10 VALSAD	VALSAD
6.40 WE GOTTA GETAWAY	WESTERN GLEN
6.40 UNWANTED ATTENTION	OUR ZEBO
7.10 GIULIETTA	KILLYBEGS JET LADY
7.45 RAJJAMATAZ	MALPAS
8.15 PRINCE DE JUILLEY	MY MONTY
8.45 THAT'LL DO MOSS	THAT'LL DO MOSS

GOING: Good.
COURSE: Left-handed oval course of 1m 2f, there are ten fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards.

5.07 CANNOCK CHEMICALS NOVICES' HURDLE (DIV 1) (4) Winner £4,193 (11 run) 1m 7f 168yds

1	205-U BASKERVILLE	(14) A King 5 11-3.....T Bellamy	—
2	P44-36 FIFTYFIFTY	(11) (P,T) L Horstall 5 11-3.....K Brogan	—
3	1132-1 HARD AS NAILS	(37) F O'Brien 6 11-3 (D ⁹).....J Hogan (3)	106
4	91-2 JAFIMGOSO	(23) D Skelton 5 11-3 (D).....H Skelton	—
5	4-4 REACH FOR THE MOON	(2) J Snowden 5 11-3.....Doubtful	—
6	4/3-9 SHADOW'S	(16) T Vaughan 5 11-3.....A Johns	—
7	406-6 DON RAFAEL	(22) M Keighley 4 10-12.....S Bowen	—
8	9-76 RUNAWAY TRAIN	(13) James Owen 4 10-12.....Lilly Pinchin	—
9	31/P- NEAR DARK	(224) H Daly 8 10-10.....Stwiston-Davies	10
10	67P- TARA VANGO	(192) (H) J Coulson 5 10-10..Tabitha Worsley (3)	—
11	P CHARLOTTE SQUARE	(14) (H,T) R Potter 4 10-5..B Poste	—

BETTING: Evens Hard As Nails, 9-4 Jafimgoso, 6 Baskerville, 8 Don Rafael, 16 Run-away Train, 20 Fiftyfifty, 66 Near Dark, 100 Shadow's, Charlotte Square, 200 Others.

5.40 CANNOCK CHEMICALS NOVICES' HURDLE (DIV 2) (4) Winner £4,193 (10 run) 1m 7f 168yds

1	189-B COUNTRY PARK	(16) Jonjo & A O'Neill 5 11-3..Jonjo O'Neill Jr	—
2	P9 DUN DANCING	(7) O Greenall & J Guerrero 5 11-3..Toby Wynne (3)	—
3	7-8 MOKORO	(35) D Skelton 5 11-3.....H Skelton	—
4	78/85 NEWTON	(14) J Coulson 6 11-3.....W Shanahan (5)	—
5	VALSAD	Harry Derham 5 11-3.....Paul O'Brien	—
6	7B SCINTILLANTE	(16) (H) A Ralph 4 10-12.....D Bass	—
7	6 ZODIAC STAR	(19) (H) A King 4 10-12.....T Cannon	—
8	065- APACHE PRINCESS	(289) J Stimpson 5 10-10..P Armonson (3)	—
9	62/6-5 FASHIONELLE	(24) F O'Brien 5 10-10.....J Best	—
10	5/F-7 MIGHT DO EMERY	(14) S-J Davies 6 10-10.....J Turner (7)	—

BETTING: 4-5 Valsad, 3 Fashionelle, 10 Zodiac Star, Country Park, 12 Mokoro, 14 Scintillante, 25 Newton, 50 Dun Dancing, Apache Princess, 150 Might Do Emery.

6.10

EURO 2024



REDS ALERT Dons old boy Ramadani will get stuck into Italy

Debut boys to put up a fight

THE biggest thrills in the group stage at Euro 2024 should come from a section that pits big guns Italy, Spain and Croatia into action against each other.

Debutants Albania have the misfortune to be the other side in Group B and McBookie make them 1/3 hot favourites to finish rock bottom.

Sylvinho's men start off against the European champions today and the Italians are just 4/11 at McBookie for the win.

But the Azzurri haven't looked too convincing in their warm-up games so this could be closer than the odds suggest.

Albania will be fired up and won't give their opponents time to settle. That makes the half-time draw a decent option at 11/8 (bet365).

Going for cards should pay off too as Albania will no doubt try to knock Italy off their stride.

Dissent is also an Italian speciality and refs have been told to book anyone who mouths off if they aren't the team captain.

Over 4.5 cards is 11/10 with McBookie while former Aberdeen midfielder Ylber Ramadani is 23/10 at Unibet to go in the book.

I don't think Albania will just park the bus and they will look to hit on the break.

The minnows drew a blank in just two of their qualifiers and scored two or more goals at home to

Poland plus the Czech Republic. That suggests they carry a threat so I like the evens at Unibet for over 2.5 Albania shots on target.

Spain take on Croatia in the other Group B clash and that has the potential to be a thriller.

The Spanish have some vibrant young talents in their squad and could be one of the most exciting teams to watch.

They drew 3-3 with Brazil in one of their warm-ups and followed it up by netting five against both Andorra and Northern Ireland.

Croatia have also been scoring freely and claimed an impressive 2-1 win away

to Portugal in their last outing.

That suggests we should see goals tonight and over 2.5 strikes is 11/10 at McBookie.

Pedri scored twice for Spain against the Irish

last weekend and the Barca kid looks back to his best.

He's 9/4 with bet365 to either score or assist against the Croats.

Today's action kicks off in Scotland's group as Hungary take on Switzerland.

It should be tight and the half-time draw pays evens with McBookie.

Group D gets under way tomorrow and Poland are outsiders against the Dutch after an injury to star man Robert Lewandowski.

Virgil van Dijk has been taking the pens for the Dutch so looks overpriced at 7/1 with Skybet to score.

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Over 2.5 goals with
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TOP TIPS

Super singles: Over 2.5 Albania shots on target (Evs, Unibet), Pedri goal or assist (9/4, bet365), HT draw in Swiss v Hungary (Evs, McBookie) **Long shot:** Van Dijk goal (7/1, SkyBet).

IT MAY GO SOUTH FOR LIONS



England expects Gareth to deliver Euro 2024 glory but a vulnerable defence could be their downfall given Serb duo will pose a day one test

IT'S fitting the Tartan Army are having a party in Germany this summer because schadenfreude has been the Scottish story at major finals for most of the last three decades.

With the Scots only gracing a second tournament since 1998, we've had to settle for having a laugh at England's expense every couple of years.

Be it Frank Lampard's ghost goal against Germany, getting skelped by a thunder clap from Iceland or flopping in countless penalty shoot-outs, we've always been able to rely on our noisy neighbours coming up short when it truly matters.

But they came mighty close at Wembley three years ago in the Euros showpiece and the bookies reckon the Three Lions will now go one step further.

Despite suffering another embarrassing defeat to Iceland in the final warm-up game, England were still favourites when this tourney kicked off.

As I mentioned last week,

MR FIXIT

that's probably down to lots of patriotic punters having a punt on their side but there's no denying Gareth Southgate has the firepower to go all the way.

Harry Kane, Phil Foden and Jude Bellingham are world-class talents but it's hard to escape the feeling England's defence will come unstuck against Europe's elite.

They only have one natural left-back in the squad and Luke Shaw is incredibly rusty after missing most of Manchester United's season with injury.

John Stones also hasn't been a regular for rivals Manchester City and has been dogged by injury as well as illness in the build-up to tomorrow's Group C opener against Serbia.

The back four who are likely to start at the Euros has rarely played together as a unit, so it will be interesting to see how

England cope. They will certainly be tested as the two best players in Serbia's side play up front.

Aleksandar Mitrovic is always a handful and has been scoring for fun this season, even though it hasn't been at a great level in Saudi Arabia.

The former Fulham star will be aided and abetted by Dusan Vlahovic, who is also in high spirits after netting 18 times for Juventus in Serie A.

McBookie price BTTS at 21/20 for this one and that looks good value with England's defence looking vulnerable.

Mitrovic is 31/10 with the same firm to grab a goal and if you're looking for a bonkers bet, the towering hitman is 11/1 at bet365 to score a header.

Vlahovic is also 5/4 at bet365 just to have an effort on target and that's definitely worth a punt if boss Dragan Stojkovic decides to play both his big-name forwards.

It's hard finding value with England players but playmaker

Bellingham appeals at 11/10 in the same market with bet365, especially if he plays in his favoured role just off lone striker Kane.

The other two teams in Group C face off before England take on the Serbs tomorrow night.

Denmark are McBookie's 3/4 hot favourites to kick off with a win but only goal difference separated these sides in Euro 2024 qualifying.

The score was level at half-time in both of their meetings in qualifying so that bet appeals today at a best 59/50 with Unibet.

Opening games can often be cagey so I wouldn't be too surprised it ended level too.

The value might come in backing Slovenia in the double chance at 11/10 (McBookie).

Betting on cards looks a good option in most games this weekend with refs told to clamp down on dissent.

Over 3.5 cards pays evens at McBookie for this one.



VIKING FUNERAL Three Lions flopped against Iceland in final warm-up game and their defending will give Serb striker Mitrovic, below far left, hope ahead of the clash with Southgate's boys in opener

FIRST SCORERS



MAJOR THREAT Szoboszlai

Star man Dominik looks a diamond

THE only online book-maker listing first-scorer prices on all SPFL games are McBookie.com.

It's a great service they provide but it's all about the Euros for the next few weeks so Paul Petrie of McBookie.com gives you his scorer picks for a big weekend in Germany.

Paul says: "Scotland fans will be keeping a keen eye on Hungary's clash with Switzerland to see what sort of standard we can expect in the later games in Group A.

"The Swiss are 6/5 favourites but the value lies with Hungary.

"**Dominik Szoboszlai** is the star man and Liverpool's attacking midfielder looks the pick at 11/2 to score first.

"He plays slightly further forward for his country and is also on the penalties.

"The other game tonight looks like a cracker between Spain and Croatia.

"The Spanish are a shade odds-on and it's amazing Alvaro Morata is still their main attacking option. He looks a little short at 7/2 for the first goal so I'm going for **Pedri** at 15/2.

"A few customers have been backing him to be player of the tournament and the youngster has a chance to make a name for himself this summer.

"Tomorrow it is Serbia versus England and Harry Kane is the favourite to score first at just 13/5.

"However, **Phil Foden** is my pick at 9/2 after proving he is the man for the big occasion at Manchester City. I'm also going to have a cover bet on him at 2/1 to score any time."

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TOP TIPS

Super singles BTTS in England v Serbia (21/20, McBookie); Bellingham shot on target (11/10, bet365); HT draw in Slovenia v Denmark (59/50, Unibet). **Long shot:** Mitrovic to score header (11/1, bet365)

THIRSK (SUN) ITV4: 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 6.45. RACING TV.



GARRY OWEN	PA
3.45 FINAL ANGEL	ALICE FAIRFAX
4.15 PABORUS (NAP)	PIZ NAIR
4.45 MEZZO SOPRANO	MERESIDE DIVA
5.15 FOX LEGACY	HAMPDEN
5.45 FAIR WIND	FAIR WIND (NAP)
6.15 LETSBEFRANK	DARK JEDI
6.45 SECRET COMMAND	SECRET COMMAND
GARRY'S DOUBLE: PABORUS (NAP, 4.15 Thirsk) & Fox Legacy (5.15 Thirsk).	

3.45 CURE LEUKAEMIA FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £10,360 (15 run) 6f

1 (6)	4 ALICE FAIRFAX (15)	9-2
2 (12)	0 AURORA'S DOUBLESIX (29)	9-2
3 (10)	4 BAILEYS HONEYMOON (23)	9-2
4 (9)	2 BERONIA (17)	9-2
5 (7)	5 ELEONORA GONZAGA	9-2
6 (5)	3 FINAL ANGEL (17)	9-2
7 (1)	5 GHOST RUN (22)	9-2
8 (8)	336 GO ON ROSIE (23)	9-2
9 (14)	9 HIGHFIELD SUNSHINE	9-2
10 (2)	0 MEMARDEE (60) (T)	9-2
11 (15)	44 MISS HATHAWAY (13)	9-2
12 (4)	12 PRADA ON PAROLE (H)	9-2
13 (11)	53 RIPPLE EFFECT (15)	9-2
14 (3)	86 ROSY HOPE (29)	9-2
15 (13)	15 SHINING PEARL	9-2

BETTING: 3 Beronia, 7-2 Ghost Run, 11-2 Shining Pearl, 13-2 Alice Fairfax, 8 Ripple Effect, 10 Highfield Sunshine, 16 Eleonora Gonzaga, Final Angel, 20 Others. 2023: LUNAR SHINE 9-2, P J McDonald 9-2 (James Horton), drawn (11), 12 ran.

4.15 SKY BET BUILD A BET HANDICAP (3) (3-Y-O) Winner £15,462 (13 run) 7f

1 (6)	315-8 TELEMAR (58) (T)	9-9
2 (11)	4-11 PABORUS (27)	9-7
3 (3)	8-1432 PIZ NAIR (15)	9-2

GOING: Good-Good to Firm in places.
COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 2f, undulating with tight turns, straight 6f course.
DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage on the straight course.

4 (10)	110 TRUE PROMISE (32)	9-1
5 (13)	21-506 TOPANGA (20) (P)	9-0
6 (8)	311-66 VENTURE CAPITAL (29)	9-0
7 (7)	12-631 BURDETT (22)	8-13
8 (2)	1-31 DILIGENT RESDEV (32)	8-12
9 (9)	235-10 CANDONOMORE (22) (T)	8-12
10 (5)	10-12572 CARGIN BHUI (14)	8-11
11 (12)	462 LONGHAIRED GENERAL (9)	8-8
12 (4)	7424-1 OUR HAVANA (61)	8-7
13 (1)	157 FEDERAL ENVOY (34) (P)	8-7

BETTING: 9-2 Paborus, 11-2 Diligent Resdev, 15-2 Our Havana, Burdett, Cargin Bhui, 8 Piz Nair, Candonomore, 10 Telemark, 14 Others.

4.45 SKY BET FOR THE FANS FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) Winner £15,462 (6 run) 7f

1 (3)	57-151 FIVER FRIDAY (14) (H)	4 9-9
2 (2)	111- MEZZO SOPRANO (249)	4 9-5
3 (5)	21-612 MERESIDE DIVA (22)	4 9-1
4 (4)	213-64 ZAPPHIRE (8)	4 9-0
5 (1)	161111 CATHERINE CHROI (18) (B)	6 9-0
6 (6)	0-00445 ROCK MELODY (9) (P)	5 8-13

BETTING: 5-4 Mezzo Soprano, 10-3 Mereside Diva, 6 Catherine Chroi, 13-2 Others.

5.15 SKY BET EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY HANDICAP (3) (3-Y-O) Winner £15,462 (12 run) 1m 4f 8yds

1 (3)	10-722 VICTORY SHOUT (14)	9-9
2 (4)	24-223 ALIGN THE STARS (14)	9-9
3 (8)	111127 DUNSTAN (51) (V)	9-8
4 (12)	17-20 AFRICAN SPIRIT (61)	9-6

5 (9)	2-2224 CASTLE IN THE SAND (22)	9-6
6 (6)	68-31 TOO BOSSY FOR US (36)	9-6
7 (7)	52-327 HAMPDEN (31)	9-4
8 (11)	33716 FLICKERING HALO (22)	9-2
9 (10)	74-2 FOX LEGACY (20)	9-1
10 (2)	68-81 EXTRA BEAT (23) (P)	8-12
11 (1)	334-32 L'EAGLE AID (16)	8-9
12 (5)	6421-7 ROMAN SECRET (11)	8-8

BETTING: 9-2 Align The Stars, 11-2 Too Bossy For Us, 6 Victory Shout, 13-2 Others.

5.45 SKY BET REQUEST A BET HANDICAP (2) Winner £38,655 (17 run) 5f

1 (1)	3-7737 VINTAGE CLARETS (22)	5 9-12
2 (3)	9-1858 TEES SPIRIT (8)	6 9-12
3 (7)	198-8 CHANGE OF MIND (38)	4 9-7
4 (15)	201-21 FAIR WIND (23)	4 9-6
5 (14)	0554-7 INTRINSIC BOND (8)	7 9-6
6 (5)	032140 BALDOMERO (16) (V)	6 9-6
7 (2)	1-0501 HIYA MAITE (15)	6 9-5
8 (12)	00-931 TATTERSTALL (8)	4 9-4
9 (8)	855569 BERGERAC (14) (P)	6 9-4
10 (11)	2120-4 JER BATT (15)	4 9-4
11 (17)	62323 LOOKING FOR LYNDA (15) (P)	4 9-3
12 (13)	0693-1 VENTURA EXPRESS (23)	7 9-1
13 (9)	13280715 BURNING CASH (15) (P)	6 9-0
14 (16)	14305028 LETHAL NYMPH (15)	5 8-12
15 (10)	213-12 AMERICAN AFFAIR (14)	4 8-10

16 (6)	51-214 MATTICE (22) (P)	5 8-8
17 (4)	17470000 MONDAMMEJ (22) (H)	7 8-3

BETTING: 9-2 American Affair, 13-2 Fair Wind, 8 Looking For Lynda, Jer Batt, 10 Tatterstall, 12 Change of Mind, Intrinsic Bond, Mattice, 14 Others.

6.15 SKY BET CLUB HANDICAP (4) Winner £10,360 (15 run) 1m 6f

1 (2)	1-8718 HOPE YOU CAN RUN (14) (P)	C Johnston 4 9-10 (D)
2 (14)	4-3616 GEREMIA (14) I Jardine 6 9-8 (D)	Billy Loughnane 86
3 (12)	86-001 DARK MOON RISING (14) (B) K Ryan 5 9-8	A Mullen 84
4 (7)	72-313 RATHGAR (31) J Channon 4 9-8 (D)	D Probert 84
5 (6)	253437 ARTISAN DANCER (11) C Johnston 4 9-6 (D)	J Fanning 82
6 (4)	218-43 BANDERAS (29) M Bell 4 9-2	C Shepherd 78
7 (3)	5-3615 DARK JEDI (14) T Easterby 8 9-2 (CD)	D Fentiman 78
8 (5)	101314 CHURCHELLA (15) V D O'Meara 4 9-1 (D)	D Tudhope 77
9 (15)	21-265 BILLY NO MATES (16) M Dods 8 9-1 (C)	C Beasley 77
10 (13)	2/248 THE PREDICTOR (371) (P) R Fahey 5 9-1 (C)	Oisin Orr 77
11 (8)	3-3223 FLEUR DE MER (43) M Todhunter 4 8-13 (BF)	Mark Winn 75
12 (11)	05-803 KITSUNE POWER (9) T Easterby 5 8-12	D Allan 74
13 (1)	1363-2 VALLEY OF FLOWERS (26) (H) J Coward 6 8-9	Joanna Mason 71
14 (10)	12-522 MARBUZET (14) (B) T Easterby 5 8-5 (BF,CD)	A Brookes 67

15 (9) 3-6841 LETSBEFRANK (14) J Goldie 4 8-4

BETTING: 4 Dark Moon Rising, 7 Geremia, Dark Jedi, 10 Hope You Can Run, Mar-
buzet, Letsbefrank, Churchella, Valley Of Flowers, 12 Others.

6.45 SKY BET ACCA FREEZE HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £10,360 (19 run) 5f

1 (13)	38-423 WILLOLARUPI (34) (B) D Carroll 9-10 (BF)	C Shepherd 69
2 (5)	56216 LOCHABER (20) (V) K R Burke 9-8 (BF,D)	C Lee 67
3 (10)	016-21 SECRET COMMAND (8) Adrian Nicholls 9-7 (D)	C Murtagh 66
4 (2)	89-201 CUBAN STORM (27) M Dods 9-7 (D)	C Beasley 66
5 (14)	214-13 MACARONE (55) Craig Lidster 9-7 (D)	F Norton 66
6 (4)	534313 IT'S SHOWTIME (9) (B) C Allen 9-5 (D)	J Gilligan 64
7 (18)	73-433 ALFA MOONSTONE (8) Craig Lidster 9-5 (BF,D)	W Pyle 64
8 (6)	8-3196 ZAPHEA (9) I Jardine 9-4 (D)	A Mullen 63
9 (12)	66-724 GLORY HYDE (20) R Fell & S Murray 9-3 (BF)	Billy Loughnane 62
10 (3)	7639-5 SOUTH PARADE (20) R Fahey 9-3	Oisin Orr 62
11 (7)	656132 PINPOINT (13) Ewan Williams 9-3 (BF,D)	C Rodriguez 62
12 (8)	445-3 LETTUCE LEAF (20) T Tale 9-3	L Edmunds 62
13 (15)	45614 SMOOTH SILESE (13) (B) L Williamson 9-1 (D)	Mark Winn 60
14 (17)	775-36 BARNABY (24) K Ryan 8-13	T Eaves 58
15 (16)	22-655 SERGEANT MAYER (13) N Tinkler 8-11	F McManoman 56
16 (9)	6499-5 ISHE WORTH AGAMBLE (17) T Easterby 8-11	D Fentiman 56
17 (11)	79-251 DANDY FITZ (16) T Easterby 8-10 (D)	D Allan 55
18 (1)	2-5396 MISS RAINBOW (16) T Waggett 8-8	J Fanning 53
19 (19)	490-50 NORTHERN PRINCE (8) T Easterby 8-4	Amie Waugh 5

BETTING: 5 Secret Command, 13-2 Willolarupi, 15-2 Cuban Storm, 8 Pinpoint, Alla
Moonstone, 10 It's Showtime, Macarone, 12 Lettuce Leaf, Dandy Fitz, 14 Others.

TOP TRAINERS: Tim Easterby 35-484 (7.2%), Richard Fahey 30-220 (13.6%), David O'Meara 27-220 (12.3%), Michael Dods 26-272 (9.6%), Karl Burke 23-110 (20.9%), Kevin Ryan 19-158 (12.0%), John & Sean Quinn 13-102 (12.7%), Declan Carroll 12-108 (11.1%), David & Nicola Barron 11-102 (10.8%), Julie Camacho 10-90 (11.1%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Daniel Tudhope 27-151 (17.9%), David Allan 26-249 (10.4%), Connor Beasley 23-223 (10.3%), Oisin Orr 12-67 (17.9%), Clifford Lee 10-69 (14.5%), Tom Eaves 9-164 (5.5%), Jack Garritty 8-90 (8.9%), Callum Rodriguez 6-78 (7.7%), Shane Gray 6-96 (6.2%), Kieran O'Neill 5-16 (31.2%).
CHEEKPIECES: 4.15 Federal Envoy, Topanga*, 4.45 Rock Melody, 5.15 Extra Beat*, 5.45 Bergerac, Burning Cash*, Looking For Lynda, Mattice, 6.15 Hope You Can Run, The Predictor.
TONGUE STRAPS: 3.45 Memardee*, 4.15 Candonomore*, Telemark* (*=1st time).

TOP TEAM'S TIPS

ROCKAVON (of the Sunday Mail)
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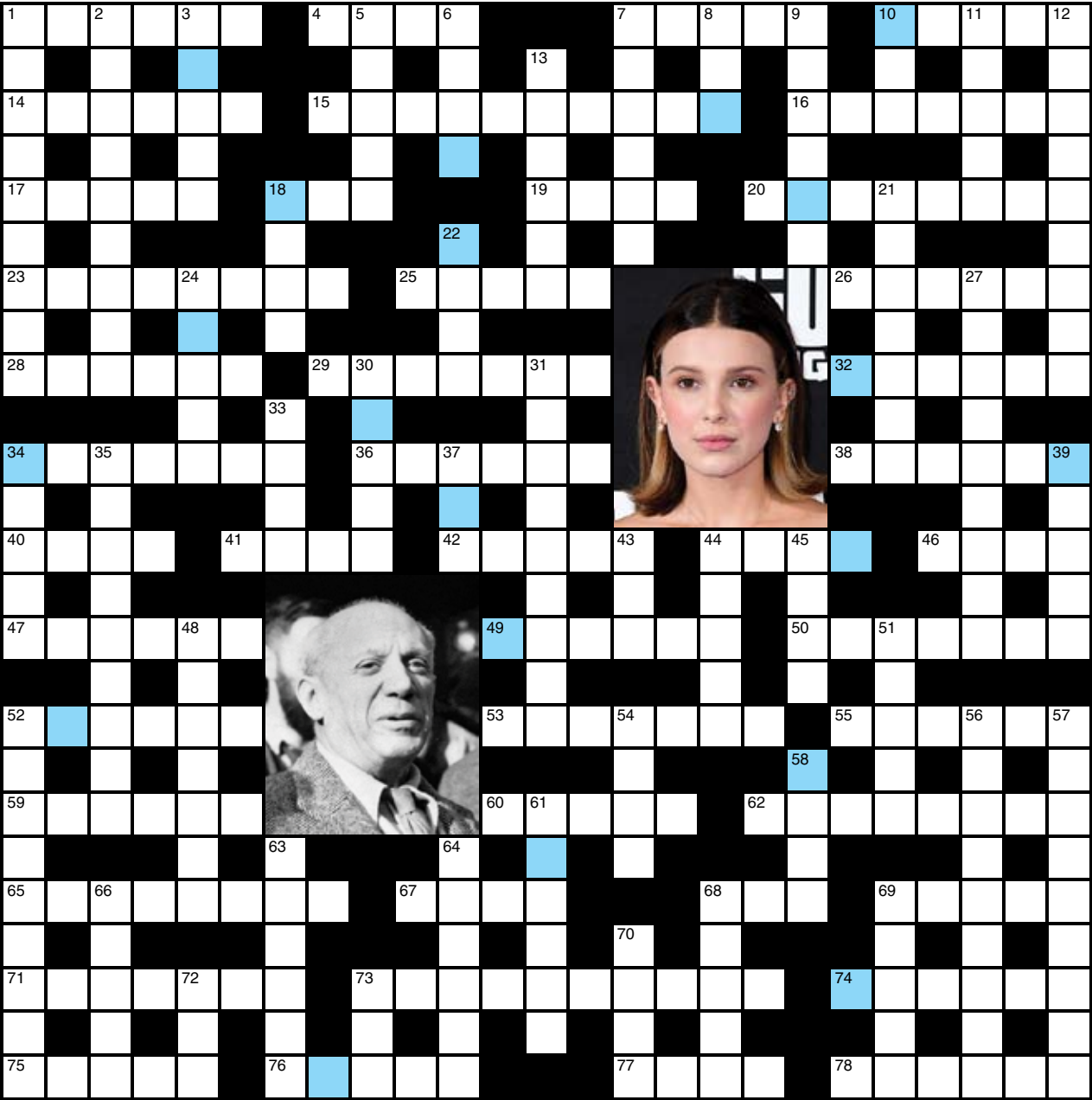
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- 1 Purposeless (6)
- 4 - Collins, drummer (4)
- 7 Competitor (5)
- 10 Adult human female (5)
- 14 Rue (6)
- 15 Tall building (10)
- 16 Ship repair site (3,4)
- 17 Paul -, Britain's Got Talent winning tenor (5)
- 18 Drinking venue (3)
- 19 Compass point (4)
- 20 Calm (8)
- 23 Destroys completely (5,3)
- 25 Sword or pistol fights (5)
- 26 Later part of life (3,3)
- 28 Procedure regularly followed (6)
- 29 Having a fast beat (2-5)
- 32 Customers (6)
- 34 Practicality (7)
- 36 Resounds (6)
- 38 Directly opposed (4-2)
- 40 As well (4)
- 41 - Redding, singer (4)
- 42 1970s music genre (5)
- 44 Potter's oven (4)
- 46 Simon -, actor (4)
- 47 Paltry (6)
- 49 Expert (6)
- 50 One who inspects accounts (7)
- 52 Cloak (6)
- 53 Not floating (7)
- 55 German Second World War submarines (1-5)
- 59 Unusual item (6)
- 60 Norse goddess (5)
- 62 Large planet (3,5)
- 65 Magnificence (8)
- 67 Prehistoric 'iceman' found in the Alps (4)
- 68 Boy (3)
- 69 Brogues, say (5)
- 71 Agile athlete (7)
- 73 American city (10)
- 74 Star sign (6)
- 75 Form of protest (3-2)
- 76 Intensely busy (5)
- 77 Sicilian volcano (4)
- 78 Woodwind instruments (6)

DOWN

- 1 Available weapons (9)
- 2 Difficult situation (5,4)
- 3 Ogles (5)
- 5 Rural walker (5)
- 6 Misplace (4)
- 7 Rest (6)
- 8 Motor vehicle (3)
- 9 Broadcasting devices (6)
- 10 Route (3)
- 11 Sounds cats make (5)
- 12 Nudity (9)
- 13 Hand tool (6)
- 18 Smudge (4)
- 21 Defile (7)
- 22 Melody (4)
- 24 - Chakrabarti, UK activist and Labour peer (5)
- 27 Correction (9)
- 30 Odes (5)
- 31 Forcefully enrol someone (5-4)
- 33 Soot flake (4)
- 34 Domain (5)
- 35 Non-voter (9)
- 37 Secreted (3)
- 39 African country (5)
- 43 Frequently (3)
- 44 - Carpenter, singer (5)
- 45 Act of lending (4)
- 48 Associated (7)
- 51 Remove computer viruses (5)
- 52 Home loans (9)
- 54 Hard agate (4)
- 56 Medical expert (9)
- 57 Fulfils (9)
- 58 Praise (4)
- 61 Ashley Jensen TV sleuth, Agatha - (6)
- 63 Established usage (6)
- 64 Racial (6)
- 66 Acknowledge (5)
- 68 Divulge (3,2)
- 69 Bulge (5)
- 70 Paul -, former Man United and England footballer (4)
- 72 Stiff bristle on barley (3)
- 73 Swindle (3)



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1 Segments, 5 Official, 10 Bittern, 15 Costs, 16 Ringo, 17 Licence, 18 Label, 19 UFO, 20 New Yorker, 21 Suet, 22 Mirren, 23 Berlin, 25 Educator, 28 Ghoul, 30 Waddle, 31 Spider, 34 Chortle, 36 Blithe, 38 Anti, 39 Exposure, 42 Awhile, 44 Toothless, 46 Presto, 48 Home brew, 49 ASAP, 50 Padded, 53 Upsurge, 55 Stifle, 56 Employ, 58 Stops, 60 Synonyms, 63 Aghast, 67 Aboard, 68 Eros, 70 Whirlwind, 72 Ten, 74 Paolo, 75 Nairobi, 76 Indie, 77 Spoor, 78 Ego trip, 79 Gershwin, 80 Laburnum.

DOWN
1 Succumb, 2 Gusto, 3 Essential, 4 Throws, 6 Frocks, 7 Ill-bred, 8 Incas, 9 Lenient, 10 Bled, 11 Talking-to,

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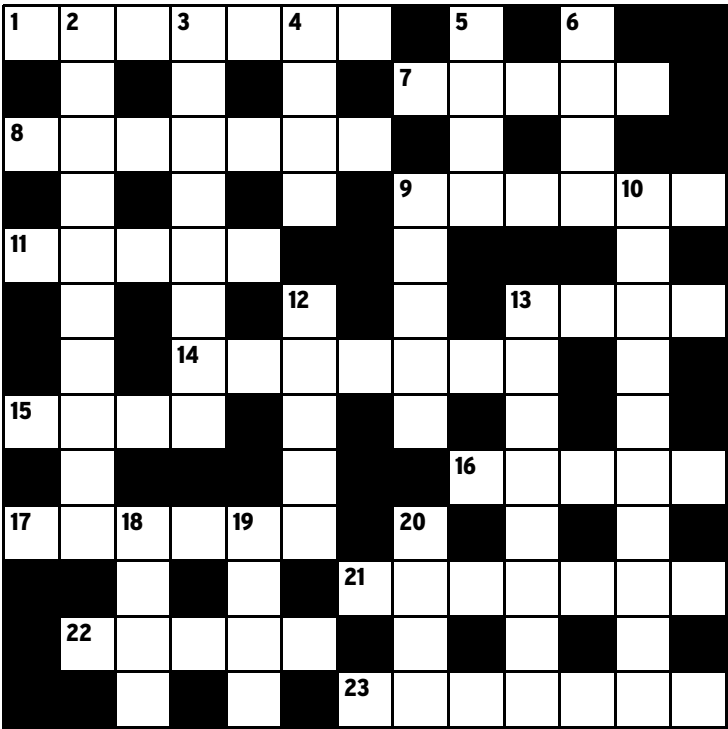
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ACROSS

- 1 2007 horror film starring Thomas Jane and Marcia Gay Harden (3,4)
- 7 and 11 1995 novel by Val McDermid (5,5)
- 8 Dwelling place of the blessed after death in Greek mythology (7)
- 9 Danny –, film composer; Best Music, Original Score Oscar nominee for Big Fish (6)
- 11 See 7 Across
- 13 Will H –, US politician; president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America from 1922-45 (4)
- 14 Ivor –, Welsh actor, songwriter and dramatist born David Ivor Davies in 1893 (7)
- 15 Town in Piedmont, Italy, known for its sparkling wine (4)
- 16 and 22 Comedian-actor who played Vinnie Monks in BBC TV soap EastEnders (5,5)
- 17 John –, choreographer of 1957 ballet The Prince of the Pagodas (6)
- 21 1968 crime drama film starring Richard Widmark in the title role (7)
- 22 See 16 Across
- 23 Dino –, Italian author of 1940 novel The Tartar Steppe (7)

DOWN

- 2 1987 horror film directed and written by Clive Barker (10)
- 3 Pietro –, composer of 1890 opera Cavalleria rusticana (8)



- 4 David –, actor who played Hutch in 1970s US television series Starsky and Hutch (4)
- 5 Airline; flag carrier of Israel (2,2)
- 6 Corey –, actor who played the title role in 1986 comedy-drama film Lucas (4)
- 9 Former US gold coin worth 10 dollars (5)
- 10 First wife of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, featured in 1821 Walter Scott novel Kenilworth (3,7)
- 12 Italo –, author of novels A Life and Zeno's Conscience (5)
- 13 Vladimir –, virtuoso pianist; posthumous winner of a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1990 (8)
- 18 First man in the Old Testament (4)

- 19 Deborah –, Best Actress in a Leading Role Oscar nominee for The Sundowners (4)
- 20 Actor who played the title role in 1937 film drama Elephant Boy (4)

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Large or important church (7)
- 7 Backless sofa (5)
- 8 Make better in quality (7)
- 9 Anti-aircraft fire (3-3)
- 11 Fragment (5)
- 13 Go under (4)
- 14 Tympanic membrane (7)
- 15 Magician's stick (4)
- 16 Perfect happiness (5)
- 17 Develop into (6)

- 21 Seem probable (3,4)
- 22 Deluge (5)
- 23 Colouring sticks (7)
- DOWN
- 2 Completely clean (10)
- 3 Having a jagged edge (8)
- 4 Jealousy (4)
- 5 Flat circular plate (4)
- 6 Long series of events (4)
- 9 Shade of blue (5)
- 10 Violent shock from a heavy blow (10)
- 12 Male duck (5)
- 13 Insignificant things (5,3)
- 18 Prisoner's room (4)
- 19 Frame of mind (4)
- 20 Fibber (4)

Two-speed coffeebreak

Two sets of clues – but the answers are the same

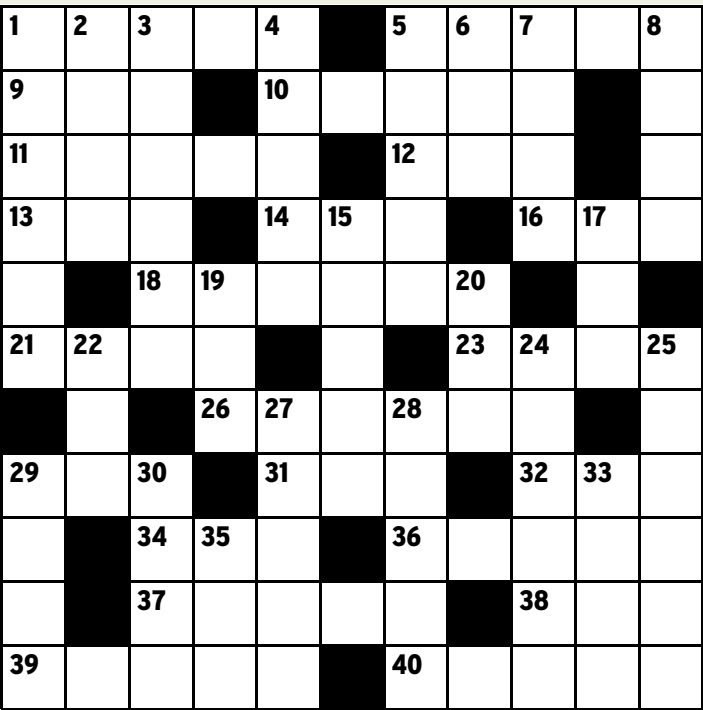
Cryptic clues

ACROSS

- 1 Wrong, so man whinges (5)
- 5 Argumentative sportsperson? (5)
- 9 Also in candy (3)
- 10 Long to have caught Vera out (5)
- 11 School to manage, to an extent (5)
- 12 Advantaged with transport (3)
- 13 Number of intentions (3)
- 14 Originally called in zone engineer (3)
- 16 Healthy colour in Istanbul (3)
- 18 Purpose of camping? (6)
- 21 Ploy sure to work (4)
- 23 Shared with mammal (4)
- 26 Composer sounds more correct (6)
- 29 Member of whole group (3)
- 31 Woman from Esher (3)
- 32 Encountered the police in London (3)
- 34 A turn previously (3)
- 36 A portal of stone (5)
- 37 Queued, having left to dine out (5)
- 38 Nod back at academic (3)
- 39 Reportedly watched part of play (5)
- 40 Animal from eastern country (5)

DOWN

- 1 Control new course of stream (6)
- 2 Formerly cone-shaped (4)
- 3 A professor is a handsome lad (6)
- 4 Reportedly posted perfume (5)
- 5 Enthuse to new bird (5)
- 6 Removal includes eggs (3)
- 7 Left newt out (4)
- 8 Endlessly regretting destruction (4)
- 15 Creepy European lake (5)
- 17 Fairy's tune (3)
- 19 Fine Welsh novel (3)



- 20 Bothered about article (3)
- 22 Employment in houses (3)
- 24 A drama about some ships (6)
- 25 Stretch old nurse (6)
- 27 Sailing on her river (5)
- 28 Business rated incorrectly (5)
- 29 Blessed with not so much (4)
- 30 Break a leg in storm (4)
- 33 College of note, perhaps (4)
- 35 Singing with spirit (3)

Quick clues

ACROSS

- 1 Complains (5)
- 5 Oarsman (5)
- 9 Common word (3)
- 10 Yearn for (5)
- 11 Range (5)
- 12 Vehicle (3)
- 13 Decimal base (3)
- 14 Born (as) (3)
- 16 Brown (3)
- 18 Determined (6)
- 21 Stratagem (4)
- 23 Adult leveret (4)
- 26 Author (6)
- 29 Limb (3)
- 31 Pronoun (3)
- 32 Assembled (3)
- 34 In the past (3)
- 36 Banded gem (5)
- 37 Stripy (5)
- 38 Karate grade (3)
- 39 Setting (5)
- 40 Antelope (5)

DOWN

- 1 Teacher (6)
- 2 Just a single time (4)
- 3 Beautiful youth (6)
- 4 Trail (5)
- 5 Black bird (5)
- 6 Egg cells (3)
- 7 Departed (4)
- 8 Spoil (4)
- 15 Supernatural (5)
- 17 Manner (3)
- 19 Fresh (3)
- 20 Definite article (3)
- 22 Exploit (3)
- 24 Fleet (6)
- 25 Lengthen (6)
- 27 European river (5)
- 28 Deal (5)
- 29 Fewer (4)
- 30 Strong wind (4)
- 33 Public school (4)
- 35 Alcoholic drink (3)

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Brickwork

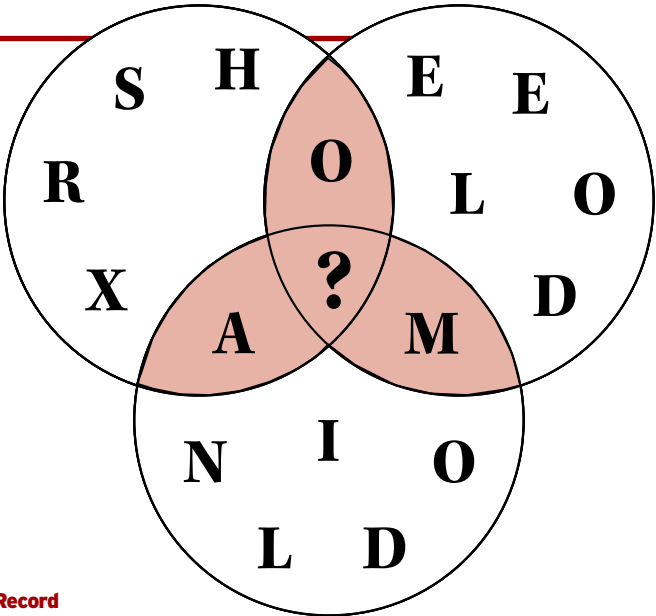
Enter the solutions to the clues in their numbered layers of the wall. Each word must be an anagram of its neighbours, plus or minus one letter.

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|---|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | <div></div> | 1 | Fastening |
| 2 | <div></div> | 2 | Rotate |
| 3 | <div></div> | 3 | Liquid measures |
| 4 | <div></div> | 4 | Publishes |
| 5 | <div></div> | 5 | Denude |
| 6 | <div></div> | 6 | Journey |
| 7 | <div></div> | 7 | Tear |

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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words, names or terms on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Pathfinder

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.
Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

ELTON JOHN SONGS

T	W	I	Z	E	A	R	O	C	I	L	O	C	S	T
I	L	L	A	H	Y	T	R	K	D	E	R	K	L	A
N	Y	A	R	D	M	G	T	E	O	C	M	I	L	N
A	D	B	N	C	A	N	M	C	R	O	S	T	I	D
N	C	E	I	D	N	I	A	N	Y	R	R	G	N	I
G	N	R	P	L	E	K	A	E	S	E	O	S	H	A
C	O	U	O	Y	I	N	B	R	M	E	T	H	E	R
A	S	R	N	D	H	T	O	G	S	B	E	S	E	D
N	U	F	I	W	E	O	N	T	T	O	W	T	I	F
Y	O	E	E	C	E	D	C	A	O	B	O	F	L	E
I	N	O	L	I	F	I	R	S	R	D	R	O	I	T
G	H	T	T	H	R	O	A	D	D	E	L	E	C	K
G	T	E	V	E	K	C	I	O	S	R	C	C	E	I
O	B	Y	O	L	L	O	R	N	W	A	R	I	V	N
O	D	E	Y	E	L	W	B	G	I	N	T	L	O	G

Word Spiral

Starting from 1, fill in the grid clockwise with four-letter words. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next to reveal a hidden word. Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

1			2			3
	9			10		
		14			15	
8					11	4
			16			
	13			12		
7			6			5

1 Numbered cube

2 Peepers

3 Brief perusal

4 Bird's home

5 At that time

6 Eft

7 Petty quarrel

8 Matted fabric

9 Inform

10 Molten volcanic rock

11 Dry

12 Use a pencil

13 Legal document

14 Of Thailand

15 Mosque prayer leader

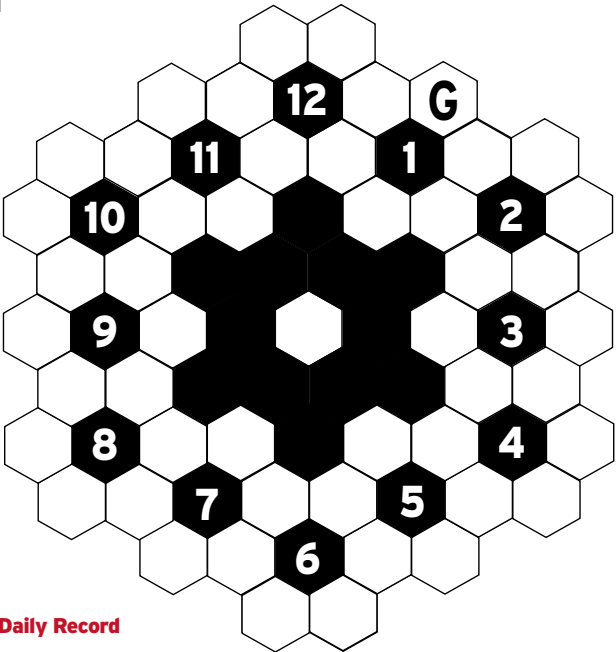
16 Additional

Keyword clue: Job title

Honeycomb

All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

- 1 Attic room
- 2 Wander
- 3 Seniors
- 4 Empathise
- 5 Morals
- 6 Symbolic
- 7 Native
- 8 Songbirds
- 9 Pries
- 10 Courteous
- 11 Exercises
- 12 Horses



Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

Su-doku corner

Jigsaw su-doku

6			3	7				
						8	1	
						7		2
	3		6				5	
		8				6		
	2				1		7	
4		7						
	8	6						
				5	8			9

Fill in the rows, columns and boxes with the numbers 1 to 9 without the same number appearing twice in any row, column or box.
Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

Kakuro

			28	4	10			3	5
	6	7					6	3	
22						19			
7					10			15	
11				21					7
		10					3		
			17				5		
	4	3				3	4		
11				12					
4				8					

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9. Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it. No number may be used more than once in any one block.
Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

Killer su-doku

16		7		10		10		10	
	19			14	15		11	14	
4				20				9	
					25			6	
7	16	11		9	18		6		
		10						11	
12		21		9	8				
12			16		12			26	
	8			3					

Killer Su-doku is based on the traditional grid and every column, every row and every 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. But the dotted shapes must be filled with numbers that add up to that in the left corner.
Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

Futoshiki

	2			>	
✓		4			
			^		
4					
✓				<	
					^
✓	<	<			

Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) signs.
Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

Easy su-doku

3	2		6			5	
1				5		6	4
			9	3	4		2
4		7			3	8	
	1	3				9	4
		6	5			3	7
	6		4	1	8		
8	2			6			1
	4				9	8	6

The rules for Su-doku couldn't be easier. All you have to do is fill the empty squares so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains all the numbers 1 to 9.
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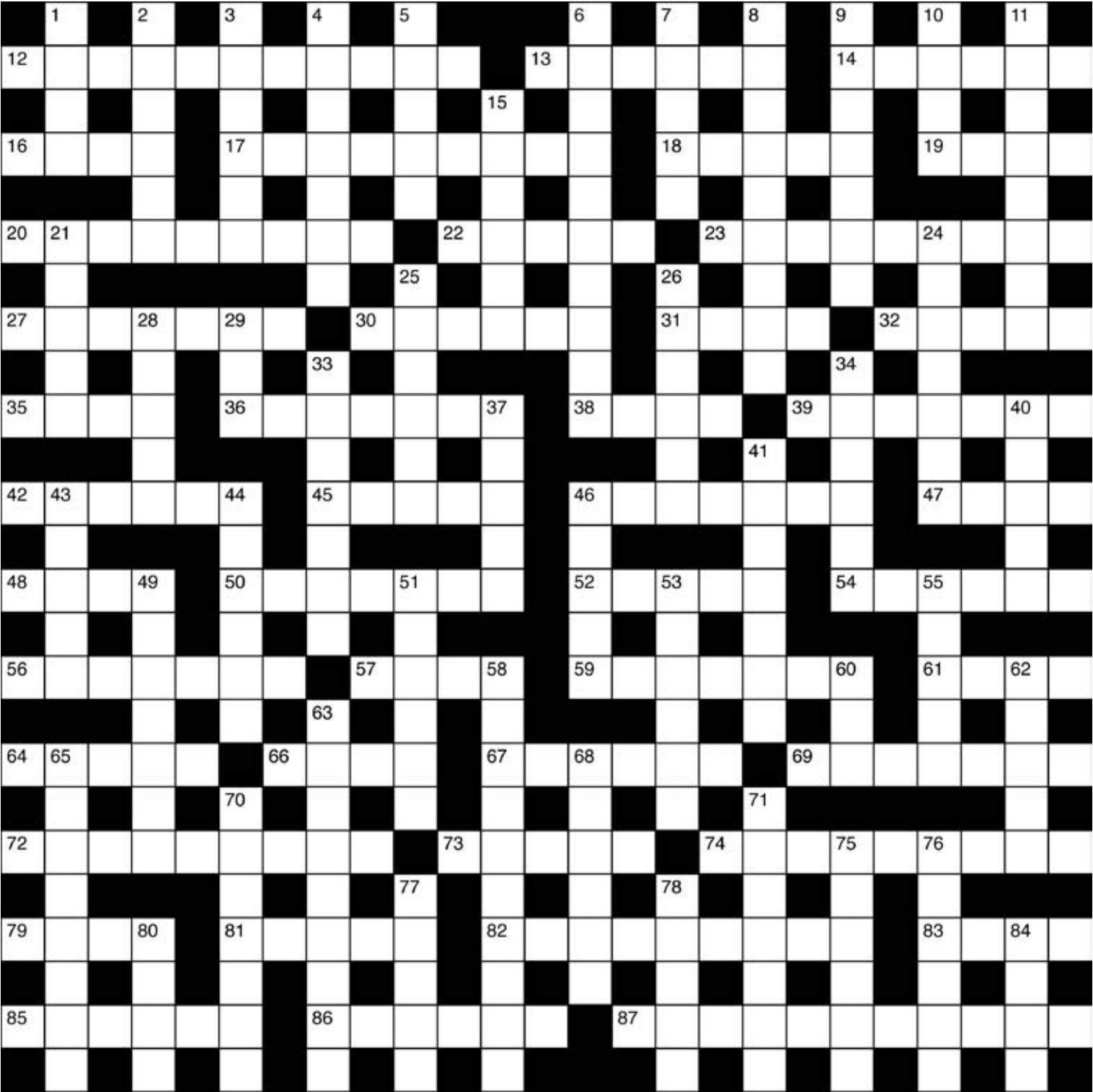
Su-doku toughie

	2	4		3			
3						6	
	7			2			3
		8	5				2
	3		1	8	7		5
4				2	7		
9				6			8
		3					
				1	2	6	

CHECK THE SU-DOKU SOLUTIONS NOW!
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WEEKENDPUZZLES

Colossal Crossword



ACROSS

- 12 Truly (2,4,2,3)

13 Restaurant (6)

14 Logic (6)

16 Wooden shoe (4)

17 Bill (9)

18 Hair (5)

19 Instant (4)

20 Froze (4,5)

22 Work hard (5)

23 Don't have (2,7)

27 All (3,4)

30 Heavy (6)

31 Assistance (4)

32 Fast (5)

35 Splash (4)

36 Imagined (7)

38 Team (4)

39 Very (7)

42 Thing (6)

45 Jockey (5)

46 Information (3-4)

47 Pursuit (4)

48 Just (4)

50 Means (7)

52 Quantity (5)

54 Fool (6)

56 Frankly (7)

57 Aims (4)

59 Prove (4,3)

61 Trial (4)

64 Animal (5)

66 Previously (4)

67 Undeniably (6)

69 Nags (5,2)

72 Learning (7,2)

73 Devil (5)

74 Candidate (9)

79 Miss (4)

81 Pale (5)

82 Excludes (6,3)

83 Volition (4)
- 85 Involve (6)

86 Shock (6)

87 Finds (5,6)

DOWN

- 1 Take in (4)

2 Altitude (6)

3 Mood (6)

4 Cotton (7)

5 Impossible (3,2)

6 Doubts (10)

7 Abstracted (5)

8 Good-for-nothing (2-7)

9 Severe (7)

10 Section (4)

11 Deduce (8)

15 Invoiced (6)

21 Accurate (5)

24 Bag (7)

25 Smiled (6)

26 Tail (6)

28 Female name (5)

29 Agreement (3)

33 Fish (7)

34 Concedes (6)

37 Game (5)

40 Pierce (5)

41 Happening (5,2)

43 Delicate (5)

44 Question (6)

46 Land (5)

49 Rifle (7)

51 Boat (6)

53 Coincided (6)

55 Distressed (3,2)

58 Light (6,4)

60 Peg (3)

62 Canoodle (5)

63 Anger (9)

65 Supposing (8)

68 Contradiction (6)

70 Purloin (7)
- 71 Against (7)

75 Deadly (6)

76 Dastard (6)

77 Meat (5)

78 Pretend (3,2)

80 Top (4)

84 Pour (4)

General knowledge quiz

HISTORY

- 1 Kenneth MacAlpin was the first king of w
country?

2 In the Second World War, which country's
force was the IJAAF?

3 In which century was the General Post O
officially established by Charles II?

4 Which historical event is associated with
Pudding Lane?

5 What was the name of Lord Nelson's flag
at the battle of Trafalgar?

6 The Treaty of Vereeniging signed in 1902
and end to which war?

FILM & MUSIC

- 7 Who had a UK No 1 single in 1999 with th
song Livin' La Vida Loca?

8 Which 1950s film stars George Raft as
Chicago mobster Spats Colombo?

9 To which family of musical instruments d
the vibraphone belong?

10 Who was the first female artist to have a
No 1 with a self-penned song?

11 Who played young stockbroker Bud Fox i
1987 US drama film Wall Street?

12 What type of hat does Harrison Ford wea
when playing the role of Indiana Jones?

SCIENCE & NATURE

- 13 Regarded as one of the founders of mod
astronomy, what nationality was Johann
Kepler?

14 Peewit is another name for which small b

15 In chemistry, what does the H in pH stand

16 What is the second most abundant gas in
Earth's atmosphere?

17 In which part of the human body are the
metacarpal bones situated?

18 What colour bell-shaped flowers does a li
the valley bear?

SPORT & LEISURE

- 19 Where is the Gravelly Hill M6 Interchange
commonly known as Spaghetti Junction?

20 The Euphrates is a river of which contine

21 Which Alpine country is divided into state
called cantons?

22 The US peninsula Cape Cod extends into
which ocean?

23 In which county is Windsor Castle located

24 Which Australian state is abbreviated to

GEOGRAPHY

- 25 A faulty stroke in which sport is known a
"catching a crab"?

26 On a dartboard, what number lies between
18 and 13?

27 Which Australian golfer won The Open in
and 1993?

28 At which sport did Nicola Adams win gold
the 2012 and 2016 Olympics?

29 Everton football club is based in which En
city?

30 In which English city does the Great North
Run half marathon start?

Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

Draw a continuous loop in the grid so that the number in each circle corresponds to the number of adjacent squares containing turns in the loop. Part of the loop has been drawn to get you started. **Solutions in Monday's Daily Record**

A 5x5 grid of circles containing numbers. The numbers are arranged as follows:

2	1	1	2	3
1	2	3	3	2
0	2	4	3	2
1	3	4	3	3
2	3	3	1	1

A red L-shaped bracket is located in the top-left corner of the grid, spanning the first two rows and columns.

Arrange these crossword fragments to create two completed symmetrical crosswords in the grids below. **Solutions in Monday's Daily Record**

I	S	E
C		P
I	G	H

A	N	E
	D	
A	I	M

I		A
R	E	G
E		E

	C	
M	O	O
	D	

	L	
T	O	N
	G	

I		I
T	I	C
S		Y

	I	N
O		T
M	S	

S		
	V	
T	E	R

P	R	A
	D	
		F

	E	
C	R	I
	S	

	O	
I	S	M
	E	

D		T
E		E
F		L

E		O
N		N
T		E

	D	
D	I	S
	S	

	G	
A	R	D
	A	

	R	
A	B	S
	S	

	W	
C	E	D
	I	

B	A	T
	S	
I	T	E

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Fit the listed numbers into the grid so that all the sums are correct - reading left to right and top to bottom.

Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

1		×		=		
2						
2	+		+		-	
3						
4		×		=		
4						
4	=		=		=	
7						
9	8	+		=		

Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

3						3
		6	2	2		6
	6		4			
				2		
	4		2	2	5	
	2					

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.

Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

1

CHEST
DEBRIS
FANGS
JUST
MITE
ONYX
PRIVY
QUESTION
WHELK

ABCD ~~E~~FGHI ~~J~~KLMN ~~O~~PQR ~~S~~TUVWX ~~Y~~Z

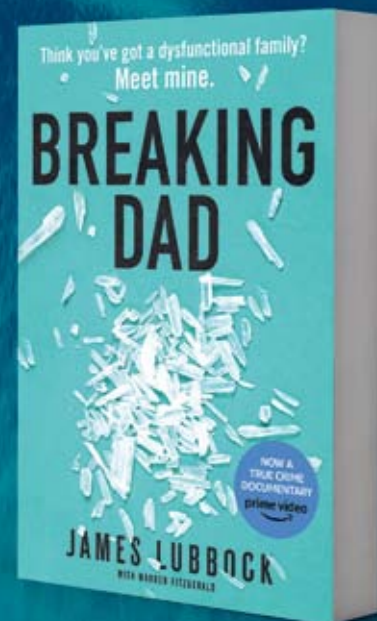
2

CLAMP
EXTRUDING
GET
JOB
KINGS
PROVE
QUALIFY
SHY
TWIN
WROTE

~~A~~~~B~~~~C~~~~D~~~~E~~~~F~~~~G~~~~H~~~~I~~~~J~~~~K~~~~L~~~~M~~~~N~~~~O~~~~P~~~~Q~~~~R~~~~S~~~~T~~~~U~~~~V~~~~W~~~~X~~~~Y~~

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Remember, none of the answers are proper nouns. **Solutions in Monday's Daily Record**

1	2	3 H	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 E	15	16	17 R	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

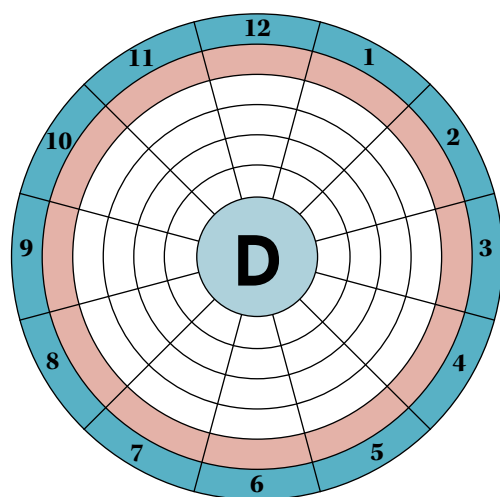
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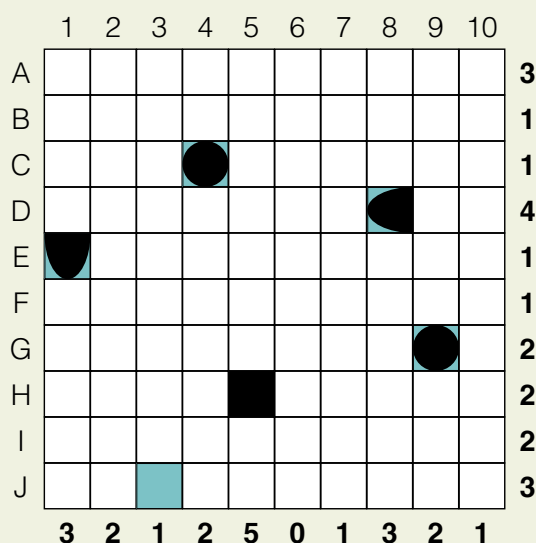
The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter D in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the pink outer ring will spell out the name of a nursery rhyme character. **Solutions in Monday's Daily Record**



- 1 Awful
- 2 Mean
- 3 European capital
- 4 Full stop
- 5 Yarn
- 6 Gaped
- 7 Protect
- 8 Tacit
- 9 Thawed
- 10 Colourless
- 11 Savoured
- 12 Pulled

Find where the fleet of ships shown are hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row or column are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.

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1 x Battleship



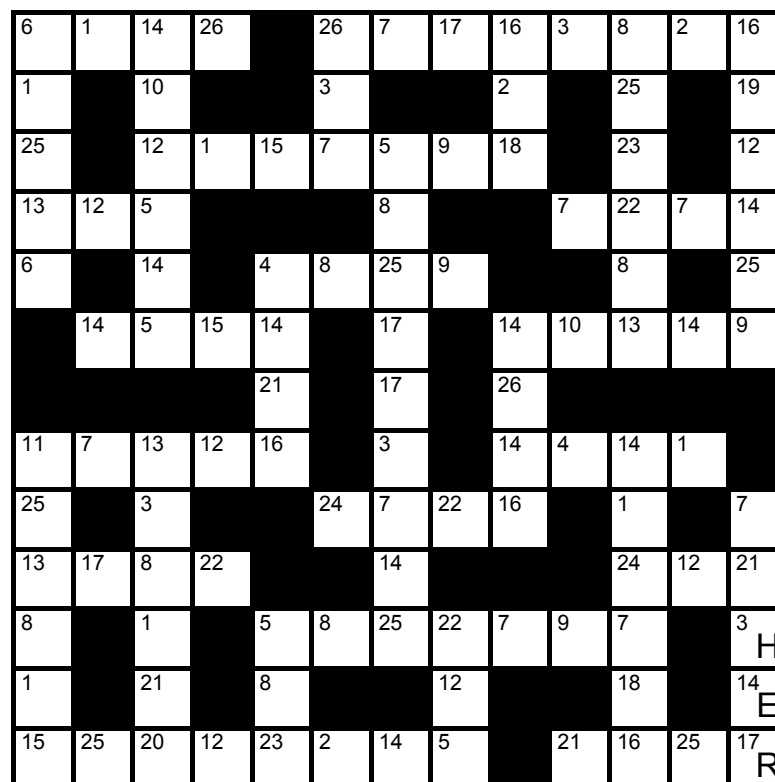
2 x Cruiser



3 x Destroyer



4 x Submarine



Which one of our three definitions is correct?
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- 1 Ancient loom
- 2 Defaulting
- 3 Physical agitation



Looking for today's solutions?

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Solve our ten-letter anagram.
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A 20x20 grid with a complex black and white pattern. The pattern consists of various black squares arranged in a way that suggests a crossword puzzle or a binary image. The black squares are distributed across the grid, with some forming horizontal or vertical lines and others appearing as isolated squares or small clusters. The overall effect is a high-contrast, abstract visual structure.

There are no clues to this word puzzle other than the number of squares in the grid and the length of the words or phrases. Can you place all the words in the grid?

Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

3 LETTERS
DOG
MAN
OIL
WOE
YET

GNOMIC
LINGOS

4 LETTERS
BRIO
EBBS
LEEK
MEMO
RAGE
ROOT
SALT
SOUP
STEP
STEW

7 LETTERS
CLEMENT
DIPLOMA
EGOISTS
EMERALD
GALLIUM
KATYDID
OREGANO
PYGMIES
REACTED
ROUTERS
SEEDBED
TOWBOAT

5 LETTERS
BALMY
CLOVE
EDUCT
IVORY
JELLY
LATEX
MAGIC
ONION
PLANT
VERSE

8 LETTERS
BEETROOT
COOKWARE
EARDROPS
SCREWTOP

9 LETTERS
ARTICHOKE
AUBERGINE
IMPATIENT
SHEIKHDOM
STARLINGS
STEELYARD

6 LETTERS
ACIDIC
BANDED
BESTOW
CELERY
COWARD
ERSATZ
EXEMPT
GARLIC

**10 LETTERS
PARLIAMENT
WEDNESDAYS**

11 LETTERS
ACCORDINGLY
SCHOOLROOMS

30-sec brain teaser

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

Solutions in Monday's Daily Record

BEGINNER	35	+16	÷3	-8	×4	+44	25% of this	-6	6/7 of this	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE	9	×13	-25	75% of this	+76	3/5 of this	+65	7/8 of this	+49	ANSWER
ADVANCED	15	Square it	-29	Increase by 75%	+9	Reverse the digits	8/11 of this	+149	4/9 of this	ANSWER

The name game

Hidden in the grid is the name of a musical instrument. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

BOX1: In what year did Sally Gunnell win Olympic gold in the 400m hurdles?

1988 (L)
1992 (O)
1996 (N)

BOX2: La Spezia is a city and province in which European country?

Spain (G)
France (U)
Italy (I)

BOX3: The television game show Gambit was based on which card game?

Happy Families (K)
Poker (X)
Blackjack (I)

BOX4: In which English county is the resort of Clacton-on-Sea?

Norfolk (M)
Suffolk (W)
Essex (D)

BOX5: Frenchman David Belle is deemed the founder of which physical discipline?

Pilates (P)
Parkour (O)
Yoga (U)

BOX6: In what year was the Glyndebourne Festival Opera first held in East Sussex?

1934 (R)
1954 (S)
1974 (V)

BOX7: What nationality is the Formula One racing driver Fernando Alonso?

Spanish (E)
Italian (R)
Portuguese (Y)

BOX8: What is the habit of bruxism better known as?

Eye rolling (F)
Nail biting (X)
Tooth grinding (D)

BOX9: What type of creature is a praying mantis?

An insect (G)
A worm (U)
An eagle (Z)

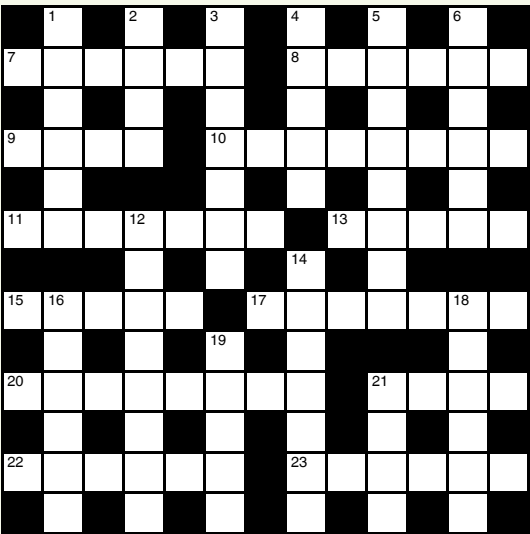
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Anagram crossword

Fill in the grid using anagrams of the listed words. There may be more than one option for each word. **Solutions in Monday's Daily Record**



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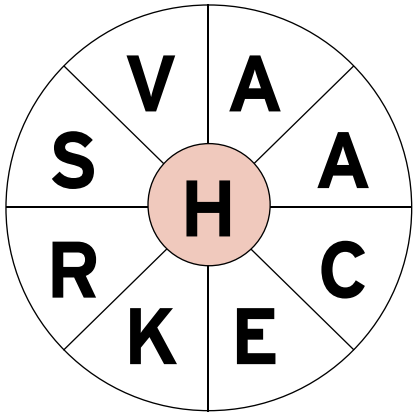
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Word wheel

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

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How you rate:
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Wordsearch

Can you find all the listed ball games in the grid?
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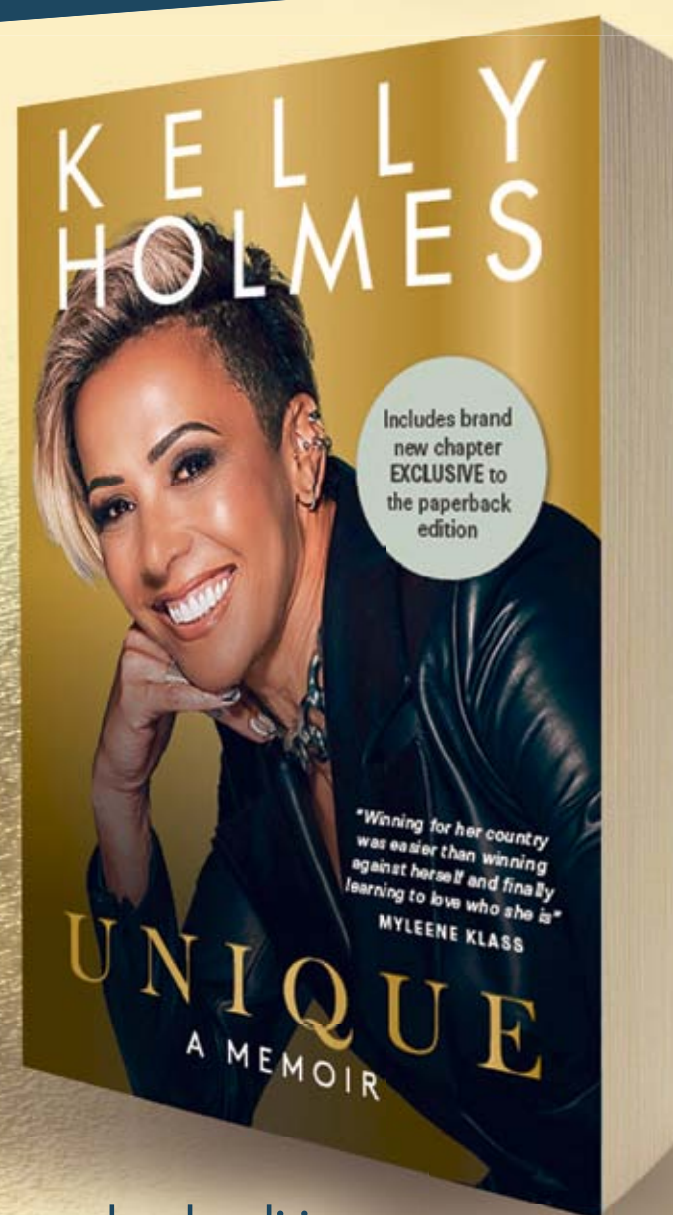
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TOMORROW

Poland v Netherlands
(2pm, BBC One)

Slovenia v Denmark
(5pm, STV)

Serbia v England
(8pm, BBC One)

GAME OF THE DAY

SPAIN v CROATIA (5PM, STV)

THREE-TIME winners Spain kick a fierce group off in Berlin as they take on Croatia.

Luis de la Fuente, below, and his men are striding in having stuck 10 goals past Andorra and Northern Ireland in their



pre-Euros warm-up clashes but Luka Modric and Co aren't short on confidence either as they enter the competition looking to extend a run of six straight wins.

ONE TO WATCH

LUKA MODRIC (CROATIA)

THE Real Madrid star might be closing in on his 39th birthday but Modric the icon remains every bit as influential as he was



in his younger days. With six Champions League winners' medals, he has been central a decade of Real dominance.

And he remains the driving force for his national team too having led his side to the 2018 World Cup Final and 3rd place in Qatar.



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THE GRAN PLAN
Xhaka is hopeful for Swiss after last Euros but Fiola, far left, is Hungary to win

GRANIT XHAKA was part of the Switzerland team that made it to the quarter-finals of the last Euros and now insists they are in Germany to make even more history.

The Bayer Leverkusen star was a major part of the Swiss team that got through the group stage and knocked World Cup holders France out on penalties.

He was then suspended when they lost their quarter-final shoot-out to Spain.

The 31-year-old will lead the Swiss out in Cologne for their Group A opener against Hungary in Cologne today.

And Xhaka proudly said: "When we reached the quarter-finals of our last major tournament it felt like recognition – not only for the staff and players but the whole of Switzerland."

"Our match against France is in the history books already. We will

Khaka says the Swiss will make more history in Cologne after knocking out France at last Euros in penalty stunner



HUNGARY v SWITZERLAND

TODAY, 2PM, COLOGNE, STV

BY SCOTT BURNS

always remember that game and with a little bit of luck we could have knocked out Spain.

"Unfortunately during the penalty shoot-out we didn't have luck on our side.

"It showed once again that we're a good team and together we can achieve something."

"That's also our intention now for this tournament in Germany.

"We will be giving it our all to make history again.

"Being in the national team and

leading it as captain is a source of pride for me.

"But alone, those things aren't of any use to me. I'm ambitious.

"I want to lead this team to make history again in Germany.

"I want this Switzerland team to be remembered and we'll work hard to achieve that."

Swiss coach Murat Yakin knows there is now an expectation on his players but he's confident the squad can handle that.

Yakin said: "Expectations are, of

course, always high with Switzerland.

"That's because we have some top players in top leagues around Europe. In the end we will do what we know. My team is very adaptable and the progress we've made is there for everyone to see.

"We have a lot of experience in our team."

"We also have younger players that we've integrated for this tournament during the qualifiers.

"We won't be surprised by anything. That's why we used these players for the qualifiers and not just for the final tournament. We have a great mix in the squad."

Meanwhile, battle-hardened



PROTESTS Ukraine banners

Ukraine could face up to UEFA

BY GRAHAM DUNBAR

THERE are UEFA rules against making political statements in stadiums at the Euros.

But they may be harder than ever to police at a tournament that is among Europe's strongest shared cultural experiences.

Euro 2024 in Germany is being played over the next month when unity is fragile across the continent.

Ukraine is competing against the backdrop of the war at home against Russia and its fans have already used qualifying games to make their point by displaying politically charged banners.

More of the same can be expected in Germany and could test the limits of UEFA's disciplinary code.

Ukraine was fined by UEFA following both of its two qualifying play-off wins in March.

However, UEFA did not open a disciplinary case relating to other banners that called Russia "a terrorist state" and criticised the UN.

That message compared the current situation in Ukraine to Srebrenica in 1995, the site of a massacre of Bosnian Muslims by Bosnian Serbs during war in the former Yugoslavia.

That highlights the difficult balance.

And UEFA itself cannot avoid playing politics in football, having banned Russian teams from international competitions since February 2022.

"UEFA is fining Ukraine after every game at the moment because of Azov symbols," Ronan Evain, of the UEFA-recognised Football Supporters Europe group, said in a recent interview. "It is a bit of a grey area. Some things can be fine and allowed at home and then not abroad."

Attila Fiola had surgery last month but is ready to put his shoulder to the wheel to get Hungary off to winning ways in Germany.

The experienced Fehervar star suffered a shoulder injury last month but has battled back to be part of Marco Rossi's squad.

It is the third time the 34-year-old has gone under the knife in the last year but he has been working hard on his fitness to make sure he's ready to shine at Euro 2024.

Fiola said: "At the beginning of May I had my seventh operation of my career, in the last year or so I have been operated on three times. "Due to that omission I don't have the match fitness necessary for international level but I am trying to compensate for this lag with extra work (on the training ground). "I'm going through a difficult period but I'm a tenacious kid, that's why I can be here at the Euros."

Fiola has won over 50 caps and

was part of the Hungarian squad who last took on the Swiss back in the 2018 World Cup qualifying.

The Magyars lost both games and ended up finishing third in the group – a whopping 14 points behind Switzerland and Portugal.

Fiola was part of that Hungary team but insists they have vastly improved since then.

He said: "The Swiss are a compact team, most of their players play in the Bundesliga, at the highest level."

"Seven years ago, we were in the same World Cup qualifying group but we did not achieve much success. We lost both matches but since then a lot has changed for both national teams.

"We have analysed them thoroughly, we expect a tough match on Saturday, but we are mainly focusing on our own game.

"Our current national team is very strong as a unit, I think that

team unity and community have never been so good in the squad. This may be the biggest strength of the team.

"Of course, there are still individuals but at the same time the ability to fight characterises the team better than before."

Coach Rossi saw his team's 14-game unbeaten run end against the Republic of Ireland earlier this month but believes Hungary have nothing to fear in a group that also contains Germany and Scotland.

Rossi said: "This will be our third Euros in a row so we're really happy to be in Germany.

"We're aware that we're in a difficult group, although perhaps not as much as in the last European Championships.

"But we are not afraid of taking on challenges.

"We are confident and know that we have a chance to win against any of our rivals in the group."

Itt is sad not to have ex-Ger

SWISS legend Kubilay Turkylmaz reckons they have blundered by not taking former Rangers striker Cedric Itten to the Euros.

The Swiss face the Hungarians today in Scotland's group and will want to get off to a good start before they face the Scots in Cologne on Wednesday.

But Turkylmaz – Switzerland's all-time record goalscorer with 34 goals in 64 appearances – can't believe they didn't include former Ibrox flop Itten in their squad after he helped Young Boys to the Swiss title this season.

He said: "I was very surprised we left Cedric Itten at home. He's had another good season and has scored five goals in 12 international games for Switzerland.

"Who will score the goals for us? That is my worry. "I can only hope the defenders and midfielders chip in with some goals. We have no predatory strikers in our team. The Swiss League has too many (foreign) strikers and that problem has filtered into the national team."

PICKFORD HITS BULLSEYE: TEAM'S MENTALITY IS KEY

DON'T doubt that Jordan Pickford is in Germany to win.

England's goalkeeper wasn't too happy about losing a friendly game of darts to a radio reporter before he sat down to talk about his chances of hitting the bullseye in the Euros.

The defeat was still bothering him half-an-hour later.

Pickford has played behind England teams that have lost finals, semi-finals and quarter-finals in the seven years since he became Gareth Southgate's No 1. He wants to change the record.

He said: "I've got 61 caps now. I work hard off the pitch, I do everything to my best ability, I always want to improve. That's why this is my fourth major tournament, it's why I've won Everton's player-of-the-year three years in a row.

"I know what I'm doing. I know I keep getting better - and hopefully this tournament is a success. We have

BY SIMON MULLOCK

come here to win but we can't look beyond the opening game. It's so important to get off to a good start."

Questions are being asked whether England will have the defensive fortitude to become European champions.

Harry Maguire is missing. Luke Shaw isn't fit for the opening game with Serbia tomorrow and might only be a substitute against Denmark on Thursday.

John Stones, who has had injury and illness concerns, is likely to play alongside rookie Marc Guehi, with Kieran Trippier set to fill in at left-back.

Pickford said: "I don't think it affects us. There are a lot of new lads but they've been to major tournaments at younger levels.

"The senior lads can help the young lads if need be - but they're top players and don't really need much help."

Pickford's only winner's medal is

from the 2016 Toulon Tournament, when Southgate was in charge of England's Under-21s. But he believes his experience fighting relegation battles with Everton is just as valuable as the success stories he hears from team-mates at Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Manchester City.

Pickford said: "You've got lads here like Jude (Bellingham) who's just won the Champions League. Stonesy, he won the Treble. He's just won the league for the fourth year in a row.

"Harry Kane scores goals for fun and Declan (Rice) had a fantastic season at Arsenal.

"I've had positives and negatives at Everton. But you also learn from fighting for your lives in the Premier League.

"You'll have highs and lows in a tournament and that's where you've got to be mentally strong. That's why I'm here. My mentality is key. I still can't believe I lost the darts!"

Show Stones-cold trust in task and we'll be champs



JOHN STONES has told England to believe they can win Euro 2024 - instead of just hoping.

The Auld Enemy head into the tournament as favourites to conquer Europe for the first time.

The Three Lions have come close in recent years to ending their 58-year wait for a trophy.

Gareth Southgate's men reached the final of the last Euros on home soil in 2021 and kick-off their bid to go one better against Serbia in Gelsenkirchen tomorrow night.

And Stones reckons the time has come to use the power of belief to guide them to glory this summer.

The Manchester City star said: "I'm a big believer in not hoping we can win, but believing we can win. One hundred per cent.

"That's something that



SERBIA v ENGLAND

TOMORROW, 8PM, BBC1

I've inherited over the years from winning a lot of trophies with Manchester City, being in big games and trying to pass that on. "It's a simple message, it's nothing to do with football. I think all of us hope we can win but believing is a totally different thing.

"That's a powerful thing, from what I've been involved in. I believed we could win the one at Wembley. It wasn't meant to be but look where it got us, and how well we did in that tournament."

Stones, meanwhile, insists he's fully fit after a foot injury and illness.

The defender added: "I was worried at first, just the mechanism of how it

happened, how I landed on my foot.

"It was almost like straight down my foot and you think, 'I've fractured it'.

"I thought if I have fractured it, get the docs, tablets, injections, whatever, I don't want to miss out. If it was bad, I was ready to go.

"You think the worst at the start and we got some scans back and it was really minor stuff, which is great.

"Then I haven't been that ill in ... I couldn't tell you how long.

"It was a real rough 36 hours and I was glad to get through training on Thursday.

"Now I feel great. Really good. I feel great physically

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ON A WINNER Stones insists England can be kings of Europe if they believe they can do it

EUR HISTORY

Classic matches from past



FRANCE..4 YUGOSLAVIA..5

Euro 1960 Semi-final: Parc des Princes, Paris, Wednesday, July 6

THE first European Championship was something of an experiment but it threw up one of the greatest matches in the competition's history.

Everything was in place for France and it was hard to argue a case against the host nation lifting the trophy. After all, it was a Frenchman who had come up with the idea of a championship between countries some 40 years earlier.

Football administrator Henri Delaunay had the idea in the 1920s but, with the Second World War and political upheaval, it wasn't until 1960 that his plan was realised. The Henri Delaunay Trophy was named in honour of the founding father of the tournament and is still played for to this day.

The fact that most of the UEFA power-brokers were French also seemed compelling enough reason to stage the inaugural event in Paris.

Some of today's footballing giants didn't sign up for the event - England, West Germany and Italy all declining, in a move that seemed reminiscent of clubs who chose to ignore the European Cup when it started some five years earlier.

Imagine clubs or countries choosing not to enter now.

By the time a series of 1960 qualification games were done, it left the hosts in one semi-final against Yugoslavia while Russia took on Czechoslovakia in the other. So the pressure was on France.

They had dazzled at the 1958 World Cup, finishing third, and a crowd of just over 26,000 attended the first European Championship semi-final.

All seemed to be going to plan when Les Bleus recovered from an early setback to put their stamp on the game.

Within a minute of Milan Galic firing the Slavs ahead 11 minutes into the game, Jean Vincent pegged them back and a second goal from Francois Huetie sent them in 2-1 up at the break.

Early in the second half France went 3-1 up only to concede another but Huetie's second goal took France into the final 15 minutes 4-2 up.

Some of the home fans were already making their way out of the stadium when Tomislav Knez grabbed a goal back and those that stayed must have left in a daze as Dragan Jerkovic floored them with two goals inside a minute.

Three goals in four minutes sent the French out and the Yugoslavs to the final.

BELIEVER

and I am looking forward to it now."

Stones spoke with so much belief and passion about playing for England from the moment he walked into his room at their luxury training resort and finding a presentation box which was laid on for every player.

There were pictures, handwritten notes and keepsakes to make them feel at home.

And Stones revealed his partner put one in of him with his dad while at Barnsley as a kid.

That brought it all home to him about how far he has come in his career and also just remembering himself as that wide-eyed kid, so that the pressure never gets to him.

The centre-back said: "That kind of goes back to making it all relatable and

what you love, what you play football for and what you have always done.

"People will feel pressure in different ways and deal with it in different ways.

"A strength of mine is not thinking too much about what is going on and what is expected."

Stones has enjoyed being the older head this week and, with Marc Guehi expected to start alongside him, he is happy to be a leader for his country.

Stones added: "I'm a big fan of Marc's. Just how he goes about his work.

"I mean this in really nice way, he's like big sponge to learn and I think that's how you progress and improve as a player. He is taking everything in."

"His quality, for his size, how strong he is, how he dominates. He has been an

incredible player at Crystal Palace and had a big injury this season as well."

Stones is also taking a mature outlook himself.

He did not start a game for City from April 6 until the end of the campaign. He does not quite know why but also knows better than to start a fuss.

He added: "If you start thinking and throwing your teddy out of the pram and saying I should be playing - of course, I believe I should be playing but that's out of my control - to who picks the team."

"I think that really does have a negative effect on everything else. When called upon you won't be ready to play, you might make mistakes.

"From experience, I control the controllables, it is what it is."

John Cross

BADGE OF HONOUR Stones is proud to wear the Three Lions



BROTHERS IN ARMS
Kovacic and Rodri

WE NEED TO STALL SPAIN'S ENGINE

Mateo must put City pal Rodri's gas at a peep

WHEN Croatia face Spain in their Euro 2024 opener, Mateo Kovacic will stand eye-to-eye with the man he believes is the world's "best defensive player".

For Manchester City's Croatian midfielder, there is no competition when it comes to his Etihad team-mate Rodri.

"He is the engine of City," Kovacic insists. "You can feel it when he is not in the team."

Certainly, City do. Prior to the surprise FA Cup Final defeat to Manchester United, Rodri had gone 74 matches without a defeat inside 90 minutes in club football.

His last had been 15 months before – on February 5, 2023, against Spurs.

But at international level, with Spain not having been up to their 2008-2012 vintage for some time, City's No.16 isn't held in the same high regard.

That may well have to do with La Roja's comparative struggles at recent major tournaments. In four of the last five they've exited at either the last 16 or group stage. Euro was 2020 the exception, losing in the last four to eventual winners Italy.

Certainly the departure of the Xavi-Iniesta-Busquets generation has been felt. A lack of a top-class frontman

SPAIN v CROATIA TODAY, 5PM, BERLIN, STV BY ALEX RICHARDS

hasn't helped either. Now as a new crop, including Barcelona sensations Pedri and 16-year-old Lamine Yamal, takes centre stage, it is to Rodri boss Luis de la Fuente turns for experience and know-how. The entire side will pivot around him.

At 27 and with 50 caps to his name, Pep Guardiola's on-field lieutenant is in his prime.

And in Germany, Spain need him to dominate.

Rodri has to take control in a way he has never done before at a major finals but which has become the norm in Manchester, seeing him score Champions League winners and in Premier

League title deciders. In Berlin, he will line up against Kovacic, fresh from winning his 100th international cap, and Luka Modric – the best midfielder in Europe in the last decade.

Now 38, this will almost certainly be the Real Madrid man's final tournament. If Rodri wants a reference point as to how to get the job done at both club and international level, he doesn't need to look much further.

The six-time Champions League winner, ably assisted by a rolling cast including Kovacic and Marcelo Brozovic has led Croatia to the 2018 World Cup Final, 2022 semi-final and upsets aplenty.

"After Luka, there will be a changing of the guard," admits boss Zlatko Dalic.

"But as long as Luka is here, we call it the 'golden generation'. He is the greatest Croatian football player of all time."

By hook or by crook, Modric has ensured they have punched above their weight on a regular basis.

It's time Rodri ensured Spain started punching theirs once again.

At Manchester City you can feel it when Rodri is not in the team. He is the best defensively

MATEO KOVACIC ON SPAIN'S RODRI

Pepe ready to be the golden oldie

PORTUGAL could field the two oldest players in the competition when they run out to face the Czech Republic in their Euro 2024 opener in Leipzig.

At one end of the field on Tuesday will be Cristiano Ronaldo, 39, the all-time leading scorer in international matches with an unquenchable appetite for goals and records.

At the other end there's 41-year-old defensive general Kepler Laveram de Lima Ferreira, or Pepe as most people know him.

The Brazil-born centre-back already has 137 caps to his name and could make history when he appears in his fifth Euro Championship, one short of five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo.

Should manager Roberto Martinez select him for any of Portugal's three group

games, Pepe will become the oldest player ever to play at the Euros.

That record currently belongs to Hungarian Gabor Kiraly, who played aged 40 and 86 days old against Belgium in 2016.

But it is unlikely to be held for much longer if Pepe's inclusion in the 3-0 friendly win over Republic of Ireland earlier this week was anything to go by.

Commenting on his influence ahead of the Euros, head coach Martinez said: "Pepe's role in the dressing room is important, the way he represents the national team shirt."

"I think that during the training camp, football is a constant struggle."

"His communication, his positioning mean that, when he's fit, he's a very important player."

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THE GREATEST COMEBACK

UNTHINKABLE Fears for Eriksen, now happily recovered, below right



WHAT'S the best football comeback? Liverpool in Istanbul? Manchester United in Barcelona?

How about the one where the footballer who died for five minutes at a European Championships returns to play in the same tournament three years later?

Christian Eriksen will step onto the field for Denmark in Stuttgart tomorrow against Slovenia to do just that. It will complete surely football's most incredible comeback from June 12, 2021, when the world stood still as he collapsed on the pitch after suffering a cardiac arrest in Copenhagen during the match with Finland.

From what had initially seemed an innocuous tumble, fears grew and led

BY **MARK JONES**

to captain Simon Kjaer and keeper Kasper Schmeichel rushing to console Eriksen's distraught wife Sabrina who had ran onto the pitch.

The Danish pair simultaneously broke our hearts and filled them full of admiration at the same time.

The rest of Eriksen's teammates - turned away from him with a bewildered look on their faces and tears in their eyes - formed a ring of steel around him as he received treatment.

Thanks to the miraculous work done by medics the midfielder had regained consciousness by the time he was taken off the pitch. He could breathe again and so could all of us.

"It was weird because I didn't expect people to send

flowers because I'd died for five minutes," was the midfielder's fairly matter of fact take on it six months after the incident.

An operation required him to have an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) device fitted, something which forced him to leave Inter Milan as they are banned in Serie A.

But after resuming his career at Brentford then Manchester United, Eriksen is back on the Euros stage in Stuttgart. He's not quite as the key creative figure for Denmark any more but still an important member of a squad that benefits from his experience.



Gian the man on a mission

I'M NO PRIMA DONNA

GIANLUIGI DONNARUMMA is embracing his new role as Italy's leader - and he's got Italian goalkeeping royalty by his side as he does so.

Paris Saint-Germain shot-stopper Donnarumma is one of few survivors from the Italy squad which won Euro 2020, where his penalty shoot-out saves from England wingers Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Saka secured glory at Wembley.

As the nation's new captain he is determined to take the lessons learned from that success to Germany, where the Azzurri kick off their campaign against debut boys Albania today.

Donnarumma said: "Captaincy doesn't change me. Sure, it is an additional responsibility but it won't change anything. There are a number of leaders within this squad.

"They'll make themselves heard, and I will as well. I think that's what my role is.

"Our spirit will be the same one we had three years ago. We'll try to reproduce those magical nights from 2021. The team are ready.

"The previous Euro was fantastic and they are unforgettable experiences. We've written history and now we're going to try to write another page of history for Italy."

While Donnarumma is busy instilling the values of 2021 into the squad's ears, he'll have the wise words of 2006 World Cup winner Gianluigi Buffon in his.

The goalkeeping legend has taken on the role of national team delegation head, a position filled by the late, great Gianluca Vialli during Italy's success of three years ago.

Donnarumma hopes his presence will make all the difference.

"Having Gigi here, a player who wrote history with Italy, has been hugely important," he said.

"He can certainly give us advice on what's gone down in history." While



ITALY v ALBANIA

TODAY, 8PM, DORTMUND, BBC ONE

BY MARK JONES

few in Italy doubt the ability of their new national captain between the sticks, much of the talk among fans has been of the other end of the pitch.

West Ham flop Gianluca Scamacca is set to lead the line tonight after a whirlwind few months which saw him shoot down favourites Liverpool en route to winning the Europa League with Atalanta.

"Gianluca is a top class centre-forward and has made giant strides in recent times," said his captain.

"I've watched every single one of his matches and he has done incredible things.

"I'm pleased for him and I'm

pleased for us as well because Scamacca can be a matchwinner."

Donnarumma also faces the added task of adhering to a new rule which attempts to ban all players who aren't the captain from speaking to match officials, something which comes with added complications when your captain is the goalkeeper.

Explaining how he'll tackle it, Donnarumma said: "When there are situations near the penalty area then I will go across and speak to the match officials. But before games we will decide who is going to speak to the referees for situations far from the penalty area."

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GROUP A

GERMANY HUNGARY SCOTLAND SWITZERLAND

GERMANY SCOTLAND	5 1	ALLIANZ ARENA FRIDAY, JUNE 14	HUNGARY SWITZERLAND		COLOGNE STADIUM TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)
GERMANY HUNGARY		STUTTGART ARENA WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	SCOTLAND SWITZERLAND		COLOGNE STADIUM WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
SWITZERLAND GERMANY		FRANKFURT ARENA SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	SCOTLAND HUNGARY		STUTTGART ARENA SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP B

SPAIN ITALY CROATIA ALBANIA

SPAIN CROATIA		OLYMPIASTADION BERLIN TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	ITALY ALBANIA		BVB STADION DORTMUND TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
CROATIA ALBANIA		VOLKSPARKSTADION HAMBURG WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)	SPAIN ITALY		ARENA AUF SCHALKE THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
CROATIA ITALY		LEIPZIG STADIUM MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	ALBANIA SPAIN		DÜSSELDORF ARENA MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP C

SLOVENIA DENMARK SERBIA ENGLAND

SLOVENIA DENMARK		STUTTGART ARENA SUNDAY JUNE 16, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	SERBIA ENGLAND		ARENA AUF SCHALKE SUNDAY JUNE 16, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
SLOVENIA SERBIA		MUNICH FOOTBALL ARENA THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)	DENMARK ENGLAND		FRANKFURT ARENA THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)
ENGLAND SLOVENIA		COLOGNE STADIUM TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	DENMARK SERBIA		ALLIANZ ARENA TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP D

POLAND AUSTRIA HOLLAND FRANCE

POLAND HOLLAND		VOLKSPARKSTADION HAMBURG SUNDAY JUNE 16, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	AUSTRIA FRANCE		DÜSSELDORF ARENA MONDAY JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
POLAND AUSTRIA		OLYMPIASTADION BERLIN FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	HOLLAND FRANCE		LEIPZIG STADIUM FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
HOLLAND AUSTRIA		OLYMPIASTADION BERLIN TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	FRANCE POLAND		BVB STADION DORTMUND TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP E

BELGIUM ROMANIA SLOVAKIA UKRAINE

ROMANIA UKRAINE		ALLIANZ ARENA MONDAY JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	BELGIUM SLOVAKIA		FRANKFURT ARENA MONDAY JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)
SLOVAKIA UKRAINE		DÜSSELDORF ARENA FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	BELGIUM ROMANIA		COLOGNE STADIUM SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
SLOVAKIA ROMANIA		FRANKFURT ARENA WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	UKRAINE BELGIUM		STUTTGART ARENA WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP F

TURKEY PORTUGAL GEORGIA CZECH REP

TURKEY GEORGIA		BVB STADION DORTMUND TUESDAY JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	PORTUGAL CZECH REP		LEIPZIG STADIUM TUESDAY JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
GEORGIA CZECH REP		VOLKSPARKSTADION HAMBURG SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	TURKEY PORTUGAL		BVB STADION DORTMUND SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)
CZECH REP TURKEY		VOLKSPARKSTADION HAMBURG WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	GEORGIA PORTUGAL		ARENA AUF SCHALKE WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37	1A	V	2C	GAME 38	2A	V	2B
BVB STADION DORTMUND SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)				OLYMPIASTADION BERLIN SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)			
GAME 39	1B	V	3A/D/E/F	GAME 40	1C	V	3D/E/F
COLOGNE STADIUM SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)				ARENA AUF SCHALKE SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)			
GAME 41	1F	V	3A/B/C	GAME 42	2D	V	2E
FRANKFURT ARENA MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)				DÜSSELDORF ARENA MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)			
GAME 43	1E	V	3A/B/C/D	GAME 44	1D	V	2F
ALLIANZ ARENA TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)				LEIPZIG STADIUM TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)			

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45	W39	V	W37	GAME 46	W41	V	W42
STUTTGART ARENA FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)				VOLKSPARKSTADION HAMBURG FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)			
GAME 47	W43	V	W44	GAME 48	W40	V	W38
OLYMPIASTADION BERLIN SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)				DÜSSELDORF ARENA SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)			

GROUP A

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Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49	W45	V	W46
ALLIANZ ARENA TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)			
GAME 50	W47	V	W48
BVB STADION DORTMUND WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)			

FINAL

GAME 51	WINNER 49	V	WINNER 50
OLYMPIASTADION BERLIN SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)			

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